

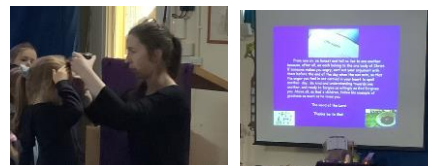


Value of the month – Caring & Friendship

Dear Parents and Carers

Ash Wednesday Liturgy

As we all prepare for Lent. Children and staff in both Key Stages enjoyed a beautiful, reflective liturgy, followed by ashes on their foreheads. Thank you to everyone involved in our preparation for Lent.



New School Leaders

New 'School Leaders'. As you are aware, our School Leaders change half-way through the year in order to give other pupils an opportunity to have positions of responsibility. **Congratulations to Ethan and Megan** who have been voted for as our new Head Boy and Head Girl. The four different Houses voted for their new House Captains and we congratulate the following pupils who will lead their Houses until the end of the year:

John Fisher: Jacob & Joe

Anne Line: Tynan & Keely

Thomas More: William & Caitlin

Margaret Clitherow: Eloise & James

We congratulate, too, our new RE Prefects, Class Librarians, Play Leaders, Computer Ambassadors and the new School Council, who will take up duties next week.

Lenten Reflection- Week 1

The Church sets aside each year a period of time, Lent, for all of us to try to look at our lives, our weaknesses and the things that have not gone so well, to lead us to change and to become more like God wants us to be, more like Jesus.

Lent is a time for us to stand more still than usual, to look more deeply than usual, and to change – to change slowly, but still to change. All change takes time, we cannot achieve it all at once – it truly takes a lifetime! But we can take it one step at a time.

Lent is seen as a time of intense concentration on renewal which culminates in the joy of Resurrection at Easter, new life, the high point of God's love. That love is celebrated in the lighting of the Easter Fire, the Easter (Paschal) Candle that will burn all year; for the seven weeks of Easter, for Baptisms and for funerals. We Christians need time to go from ashes to fire. Lent gives us that time.

SEEDS OF NEW LIFE Lent and Easter occur at a time of year when new life is becoming apparent outside. Springtime is coming; we can hear birds singing and we look for the first Spring flowers. Jesus dies so that we might share in his new life. Sometimes it is difficult to explain how Jesus was dead and then is alive. One of the ways we can do this is by planting seeds and watching them grow. Before they are planted the seeds appear to be dead, but with loving care, soil, water and light all the life hidden within the seed becomes visible. The seed begins to put out roots, leaves and blossoms. Every person in our family has new life within them that might be hidden from view. As we give each other loving care in the form of smiles, compliments, a helping hand, the life within us becomes apparent for all to see.

To plant seeds, use a container that is at least 2 inches deep, preferably transparent so that you can see the roots form. Water lightly and place in a sunny window. The seeds should be kept moist but not soaking as they germinate and begin to grow.

Lenten appeal

This year during lent we will be supporting the Catholic Children's societies lent appeal "Building bridges". (see poster below) The money raised during this Lenten period will support local families who are in desperate need. Each child, over the next week, will be bringing home a "box". If you are able to please fill the box with money throughout this Lenten season and **return to the school office, no later than Friday 24th March. We thank you for all your support.**

Well done and Congratulations

To Lois and Robyn for taking part in a recent advert for Sun Newspaper Holidays. Do look out for it on the television.



2nd March NEU Strike Day: A letter has been sent home today via email. Please ensure you have received and read it.

Celebration Assembly

Well done to all those certificate winners this Week and to **John Fisher** for winning the House Points Cup.



Wishing you a lovely weekend.
Mrs Wheeler and Staff



Catholic Children's Society
LENT APPEAL 2023
BUILDING BRIDGES

Support CCS and help more local children and families this Lent.

To sign up, please visit: www.cathchild.org.uk/lent2023

With the support of schools, over the last three years CCS have been able to help...

 26,874 local children and families in need.	 5,301 individuals by providing emergency grants via our Crisis Fund.
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"I can't thank you enough for what you have done for my family. Thank you for everything."
Mother of three children

Catholic Children's Society

"Pull down walls and build bridges . . . talk to one another, listen to each other, walk together."

Calendar Dates

27 th February	Cross Country @ St Francis
2nd March	Strike Day
3 rd March	World Book Day Year 6 Careers Day
17 th March	Fair Trade Sale for Mothering Sunday
20 th March	Science Week
21 st March	Science Workshop Whole School
28 th March	Parents Evening TBC Reception Height & Weight
29 th March	Parents Evening TBC Reception Height & Weight
31 st March	School Finishes @ 1pm for the Easter Break – Note on this day Treetops will open for the morning session only. It will be closed for the afternoon.
17 th April	School Re-opens @ 9am

ROTARY EASTER BUNNY FUN RUN

SUNDAY 2ND APRIL 2023



1K FUN RUN STARTS 10.00am
5K RACE STARTS at 10.30am
 All finishers will receive an Easter Egg.
 Prizes for 'Best Dressed Bunnies'
Queens Park Caterham

Raise money
for your own
charity or
Caterham
Rotary
Charities

A Registration Fee and a Signed Form are required for each runner **£6.00** for the 5km race and **£3.00** for the 1km Fun Run.
DOUBLE ON THE DAY.

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