

# St John's Catholic Primary School



## Newsletter 6

19 March 2019

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### A Child's Prayer for Lent

Lord, please show me what I should  
give up for Lent  
And when I've given it up  
Remind me to pray to You instead  
To thank You  
To love You  
To hear from You  
Each and every day in Lent  
Amen

Dear All,

Thank you all for your supportive feedback from the teacher / parent meetings. It is always good to see your child's work and talk through any issues.

Kind regards,  
Jonathan Shields

Any child, reported absent due to sickness or upset stomach, **MUST** be kept off school for 48 hours following the last bout of sickness. Should your child return to school within this period, we will contact you to collect them.

### Dates for the Diary

#### March

- 18-22 Book Week
- 19 School Nurse
- 21 Year 5 Mass in St Mary's
- 22 PTA - Mothering Sunday - Gift making
- 27 Year 1 - Port Lympne
- 28 Year 6 - Mass in St Mary's
- 28 PTA - Clothing collection

#### April

- 1 Year 4 - Horton Kirby
- 3 PTA - Easter Disco's - Infant Hall  
Nursery & Reception - 3.30pm to 4.30pm  
Year 1, 2 & 3 - 5pm to 6pm  
Year 4, 5 & 6 - 6.30pm to 7.30pm
- 4 Nursery - Stay and play - 9am to 10am
- 4 Nursery - Stay and play - 2pm to 3pm
- 4 Year 4 - Mass in St Mary's
- 4 **Easter Liturgy at St John's Church at 7pm**
- 5 **Term ends at 2pm**
- 19 Good Friday
- 22 Easter Monday
  
- 23 Back to school
- 23 Year 2 - Dover Castle - Class 2b & 2c
- 25 Year 2 - Dover Castle - Class 2a & 2d
- 25 Year 3 - Sacrament of Reconciliation in St John's Church at 6.30pm
- 25 Year 4 - Mass in St Mary's
- 27 First Holy Communion - Class 3b

#### May

- 2 Nursery closed as it is being used as a Polling Station
- 6 Bank Holiday - School Closed

### Building Works

Building works continue at pace and we are hopeful that the connection between the two buildings will be handed over next term.

# Sports news

Our gymnasts did us and themselves proud in Stoke on Trent over St Patrick's weekend. The competition ran hours over meaning, that as well as having an early start to get some maths and English work in before the competition, our under 11s were still competing well into the evening-however, they displayed their amazing school spirit the whole day through.



Although we didn't have any medal winners, our points went into the regional competition and the South East came in second place overall so there was something to celebrate. Well done to them and thank you, Mr Fryer.

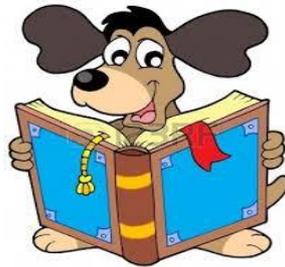


## This week is “Book week”

Various exciting reading related events will be taking place during ‘Book Week’ which will include:

A bedtime story themed day  
A book fair  
A visit from a performance poet  
Competitions and much more

Full details have been sent home with a programme of events.



### **School Uniform**

We have been staggering the introduction of our new navy PE t-shirt with school logo.

Parents have until Easter 2019 to ensure that their child has the new t-shirt.

*Please note that t-shirts **without** a school logo **do not** form part of our uniform.*

*Please also ensure that all items of clothing, school bags, PE bags, drinks bottles and lunch boxes are clearly marked with your child’s name.*

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION



The Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of the most unique and beautiful aspects of Catholicism. Jesus Christ, in His abundant love and mercy, established the Sacrament of Confession, so that we as sinners can obtain forgiveness for our sins and reconcile with God and the Church. The sacrament “washes us clean,” and renews us in Christ.

*“Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.’ And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained’” (John 20:21-23).*

**Our Year 3 children will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, also referred to as “First Confession” on 25 April 2019.**



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The sacrament of **First Communion** is an important tradition for **Catholic** families and individuals. For **Catholics**, **Holy Communion** is the third of seven sacraments received. It occurs only after receiving Baptism, and once the person has reached the age of reason.

**Our Year 3 children will be receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion, on the following dates;**

**27 April - Class 3b**

**11 May - Class 3c**

**18 May - Class 3a**

## St. John's Catholic Primary School

Since September, St John's has been considering different 'learning powers' to enable children to recognise themselves as learners (meta-learning).

To date, we have focused on:

- Term 2- Resourcefulness- using the learning 'muscles' of questioning, making links, imagining, reasoning and capitalising.
- Term 3- Reflectiveness- using the learning 'muscles' of distilling, revising, planning and meta-learning.
- Term 4- Resilience- using the learning 'muscles' of absorption, perseverance, noticing and managing distractions.



Winning design by: Szymon P (Year 2)

**Matthew 7:7-8- Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.**

**Captain Resourceful**, for example, can't stop himself from asking questions. He wonders about everything so much that he's had to learn how to find answers from a wide range of sources. He loves to 'Google'; an encyclopaedia is a treasure to him; he watches TV to store up information and if he cannot find out for himself; he is confident enough to ask others. He likes to imagine what the outcome might look like when he starts something so that he knows what he is working towards! He can take a step-by-step approach to learning, and link what he has learnt before to new learning.



Winning design by: Amelia S (Year 4)

**Psalms 46:10 -Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.**

**Captain Reflective**, however, can't resist managing her learning. She is careful to plan her work, knowing what resources she will need and recognising some obstacles that she might face. She can be flexible to change her ideas: constantly monitoring and reviewing her successes. When problem solving, she can pull out the essential features and use them to find her answers. She knows herself as a learner and recognises how she learns best of all.



Winning design by: Owen (Year 6)

**Philippians 4:13- I have the strength to face all conditions by the power that Christ gives me.**

**Captain Resilience** is fabulous when faced with challenges! He is able to persevere- keeping going in the face of difficulty and channelling the energy of frustration in to positive learning. Like Captain Resourceful, he notices slight differences and patterns and is able to make links across his learning. Often, he becomes absorbed and 'lost' in his learning and can manage distractions by creating his best environment for learning.

**Coming soon**



**Captain Reciprocity**

Winning design by: Zoya G (Year 3)  
**John 13: 34-35 Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.**



**Captain Respectful**

Winning design by: Dylan R (Year 1)  
**John 10:10- I have come that you may have life and have it to the full.**



**Professor Passive**

Winning design by: Diana Ae (Year 5)



**Building Learning Power logo**  
Winning design by: Hardassah A (Year 3)

## Health and safety

It is with sadness that I need to once again remind Parents that they should not be parking on the comprehensive drive to pick up primary school children. This has always been prohibited, but with the new access points, parking here is now proving a high safety concern for our children.

If you have a comprehensive parking pass, please continue up the drive and park in the allocated spaces in the comprehensive car park. The spaces by the primary school, along the driveway, are for primary school staff and for buses and by parking here, parents are causing numerous, very concerning issues.



**If you do not have a comprehensive parking pass, you do not have permission to have vehicular access through the green gate.**

I would also like to remind parents that there is a safe crossing point right by the new gate by the back playground; I kindly ask that you use this crossing instead of cutting across the turning circle as this is extremely dangerous and not setting a good example to our children.