

# NEWSLETTER

## AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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**Our virtues and values for this half term are  
'Learned and Wise'**

**"A wise person knows there is something to be learned from everyone"**



## HEALTHY LIFESTYLES



The school receives funding from the Government for Sports/PE and we are spending our money on promoting healthy lifestyles. We currently have lots of activities going on in school which we would like to share with you. For playtimes we have purchased 5 new bikes & trikes and we are undertaking the 'Daily Mile' challenge. As you know we have booked Jump Rope skipping sessions for both KS1 and KS2 in March. Some of our KS2 children are taking part in Cross Country, Rugby & Football tournaments. The '5-a-Day' fitness programme has also been launched.

A big part of a healthy lifestyle is food. If your child has a packed lunch, please only provide them with healthy options, NO chocolate or crisps. We are seeing an increasing number sneaking back into school.

If your child has a yogurt in school that requires a spoon could you please tell them they must only eat it at lunchtime and not at break time on the playground as it is dangerous to walk around with spoons. Fruit is provided for Reception & KS1 at snack time and KS2 should bring a piece of fruit or a non-chocolate cereal bar. For ideas on a healthy lunch box please visit [www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes](http://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes).

All children **MUST** have a PE kit in school. A note will be sent home if your child has borrowed a school kit, asking you to provide one for the next session. Our PE kit is not expensive to buy and consists of a plain white t-shirt, blue shorts and pumps or trainers. We recommend it comes in at the beginning of a term and goes home in the holidays only.

### SATS PARENTS INFORMATION MEETING

There will be SATS parent information meetings for children in Year 2 on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March** at 2.30pm and 5.30pm. It is very important that you attend as we will be sharing old SATs papers, end of year expectations and answering questions. Please return your reply slip to indicate which session you will be attending.

### YEAR 4 RESIDENTIAL

The last £50.00 instalment is due by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Thank you to everyone for keeping up with the payments.

### ADLENT

The Trussell Trust Redditch Food Bank are running an Adlent campaign throughout Lent. They are asking for donations of items in the run up to Easter. If you would like to take part visit [www.https://redditch.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food](https://redditch.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food). They particularly require the following: instant mash, coffee, cereal, tinned fruit, curry sauce, corned beef, long life milk, deodorant, tinned fish & noodles. If you would like to donate any of these items during Lent they can be brought into school for us to pass on.



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## SPORTS TOURNAMENTS

We have some sporting tournaments coming up in the next couple of weeks, we wish our teams the very best of luck.

Very well done to our Cross Country runners, our school came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall and 8 of our children have qualified for the District Finals on 29<sup>th</sup> March.

Our Football Team entered the Worcestershire Catholic Schools Tournament today and came joint 4<sup>th</sup>. Well done to our Team.

## WORCESTERSHIRE EDUCATION AWARDS

The **Worcester News** has once again teamed up with **The University of Worcester** to repeat their fantastic awards scheme which recognises and celebrates the hard work, passion, quality and dedication which exists in educational establishments in Worcestershire.

The awards will call for nominations from the general public, teachers, pupils, staff and anyone who can tell them why the nominee deserves to be recognised for their work. For further information visit:

[https://www.worcesternews.co.uk/awards/worcestershire\\_education\\_awards/](https://www.worcesternews.co.uk/awards/worcestershire_education_awards/)

## RAGS TO RICHES COLLECTION

Don't forget to clear out your wardrobes for our "Rags to Riches" collection on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> March. Bags and further information will be sent home next week.

## ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

It was wonderful to see so many parents carers and friends at our Mass on Wednesday. Our next Mass will be on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 9.10am led by St Theresa class.



## ATTENDANCE Our target is 96%

Percentage attendance in classes

25<sup>th</sup> Feb - 1<sup>st</sup> Mar 19

St Francis	91.2%
St Lucy	95.2%
St Faustina	94.1%
<b>St Thomas</b>	<b>99.6%</b>
St Bernadette	94.5%
St Martin	93.1%
St Theresa	97.3%
St John Bosco	93.1%

**STAR CLASS: St Thomas 99.6%**

**Whole school attendance: 94.8% - Getting better**



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday	11 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	9.10am	Whole School Awards Assembly
Tuesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	AM	KS2 Jump Rope Session
Friday	15 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	AM	KS1 Jump Rope session
Monday	18 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	9.10am	St Joseph Mass Led by St Theresa's Class – All welcome
Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	All day	Reception Classes Umberslade Farm trip
Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	6.00pm	First Holy Communion Creation & New Life Meeting @ school
Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Mar	10.00am	Tag Rugby Tournament @ Bromsgrove Rugby Club
Saturday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Mar	5.00pm	First Holy Communion Creation & New Life Mass @ Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church
Monday	25 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	All day	Rags to Riches for schools' collection.
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	1.30pm	Whole School Parent Consultations – separate letter to follow
Monday	1 <sup>st</sup>	April	9.10am	School Mass led by St Bernadette Class
Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	April	All day	Reading Challenge deadline
Monday	8 <sup>th</sup>	April	9.10am	Whole school Awards Assembly
Friday	12 <sup>th</sup>	April	9.10am	Palm Mass led by St Martin de Porres class
Friday	12 <sup>th</sup>	April	3.00pm	School closes for Easter holidays
Monday	29 <sup>th</sup>	April	8.40am	School re-opens

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