



St John Henry Newman Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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4th Sunday of Lent (B) – Laetare Sunday

We have had a wonderfully hectic week in school this week. The children in all classes have been continuing their daily Lenten reflections, which has allowed our children to consider how they can help those around them this Lent. We have also welcomed over 95% percent of our families to our Spring Term Parents meetings. The feedback from these evenings was great and I know all the staff found them extremely useful. Finally, we celebrated World Book Day on Thursday. A full write of this is below, however it was amazing seeing the children's reactions to our brand-new school library. I wish you all an enjoyable weekend.

Jesus, be my path. As I continue my journey through Lent, help me to walk in your way. Be my guide as I GIVE to others. Be my strength as I ACT by making good choices. Be my friend as I PRAY and get to know you more. Amen

Mr Cooper
Headteacher

Attendance

Well done to Year 3 (Yousafzai) for having 100% attendance this week. Our overall school attendance this week was 97.8% Our school target this year is 97%, so let us keep working hard with our school attendance.

World Book Day

World Book Day - wow! What a fantastic and inspiring day had by all! The children took part in sharing stories with their peers, creating the "story of our school", contributed to a whole school reading display, took part in a hat parade and, of course, each class spent some time in our brand-new school library which has now been officially opened! A MASSIVE THANK YOU to parents and carers for your support with helping to create the children's hat - they all looked fantastic and certainly created an ongoing "talking point" throughout the day, which was exactly their intention! Thank you!!



Mass – Thursday 14th March 2024 10.45am

I am pleased to invite you to join us for a Year 2 - Year 6 Mass on Thursday 14th March 2024. Mass will begin at 10.45 prompt and will last for approximately 45mins. We welcome all families to attend this special school event. *Please note that you do not have to be of the Catholic faith to attend this celebration.* Please inform the school office by Wednesday 13th March 2024 if you are planning to attend, so that we can arrange enough seating for our visitors.

Big Lent Walk

Our entire school community will be taking part in a 'Big Walk' around the Hampton Water community on Friday 15th March 2024 at 1.30pm. We ask that on the day, families bring in a small donation which we will then gather and send to CAFOD. For more information on CAFODs Big Lent Walk and to read how your donations will be used please see: - [The Big Lent Walk \(cafod.org.uk\)](https://www.cafod.org.uk) If you wish to join us for our Big Lent Walk, please let your child's class teacher know. Please note that we will look to share the route we will be taking closer to the time.

Reception Learning (Attenborough and Luther-King)

We are becoming experts in our number bonds to 10! We learnt this week that number bonds are pairs of numbers which add together to make a total- in this case, 10. We investigated the different pairs by sharing fruit between animals. We thought 5 and 5 was the fairest, as both animals got the same! We will continue to explore our number bonds over the next few weeks by using ten frames, bead strings and numicon.

Year 1 Learning (Armstrong and Chanel)

In Maths this week, Year One have been looking at the numbers from 20-50. They have counted in tens and ones to find amounts e.g. 10, 20, 30, 31, 32, 33 and seen how it is much easier and quicker to count big amounts when you can count in groups. English this week was exciting as we had some professional dancers come in to speak to them. They had learned all about questions and question marks, so they put these skills to use and interviewed the dancers to learn all about what it is like to be a professional dancer. In geography we have been looking at weather symbols and recording the weather daily and looked at ways we can measure the weather such as weathervanes, rain gauges and windsocks.

Year 2 Learning (Hamilton)

This week in Hamilton class we have had a lot of fun exploring measuring in centimetres and metres. We used rulers and metre strips to measure a range of items in the classroom and challenged ourselves by predicting the length of the school hall. In our reading lessons, we started our new book '*The Secret Diary of William the Conqueror*'. To help give context to this we worked in small groups to research the Normans. We were amazing at using the iPad to explore a variety of websites and were able to summarise lengthy pieces of information

**Year 3 Learning (Yousafzai)**

This week, year 3 have finished their fractions unit in maths by working out equivalent fractions using number lines and bars. In writing they have started their new unit on poetry and have picked a part a poem called: The Magic Box by Kit Wright. They have looked at features including alliteration, onomatopoeia, repetition, and use of the senses. Then they have thought about what they would like in their own magic box using the 5 different senses: smell, taste, touch, see and hear. In reading the class have started a new book called, The pebble in my pocket. The children have made predictions about this book based on the front cover. Year 3 have started to read the first few pages of the book and have enjoyed learning about the journey of the pebble dating back to 480 million years ago!

Year 4 Learning (Gandhi)

Year 4 have continued with their computing unit on Scratch. They are now well practiced at creating sprites and adding/changing basic features such as the background, Sprite size and sounds. The students have now been learning about loops in programming and how these can be used to reduce the length of code and as a result, reduce the risk of making any mistakes. The class are currently moving on to looking at animations.

Year 5 Learning (Frank and Hawking)

This week in English we have been finishing out text 'If the World were a Village' which has brought up lots of thoughts and discussion. We have learned lots about inequality around the world and reflected on how this could be resolved. In writing, we are writing letters to a school in New Zealand called St Dominics. We are introducing ourselves in a formal letter and writing informally to the students there too. We hope that they might write back to us soon.

Year 6 Learning (Pankhurst)

This week in English, Year 6 have been working on writing effective and detailed instructions. After looking at a range of examples and discussing how we can make our instructions more detailed and precise, we created a class shared write on how to make a cup of tea - a seemingly easy task; however, some of us forgot that we must put the water in the kettle before boiling it! The children then used this activity to support them when planning their own instruction, ready for the hot write next week.



Parent Groups

A few classes have parent/carer WhatsApp chat groups as an online space to seek support, ask questions, clarify, or give information. For those interested to join, please click on the applicable links:

Reception

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/EsYGRLjf3ry3fdBPdC0O7U>

Year 1

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Dd1gG60RNXw8iRfjcpa49B>

Year 2

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/HnXKAXF2FLJHekeH9aunoM>

Year 3

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/ExOh0mSMXbi8haZszKdd6t>

Year 4

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Hm7ypljTYp8B0LmNoYaRQf>

Spring Term 2024 Dates

14-3-2024	9.00am – Parent Coffee Morning
14-3-2024	10.45am Yr2 – 6 Mass – Parents Welcome
15-3-2024	1.30pm - Big Lent Walk
25-3-2024	5.00pm – KS2 (Key Stage 2) SATS Meeting (Year 6 Parents only)
27-3-2024	Stations Liturgy
28-3-2024	1.30pm Last Day