



# Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 25th February 2022

## Ash Wednesday

This coming Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. Each class will be collecting money for Cafod between now and Easter.



We will be holding a Day of Reflection for the children on Ash Wednesday and Fr Con will mark a small ash on each child's forehead during a special service as a way of remembering that Jesus died on the Cross for our sins.

## Uniform Consultation

We are reviewing our school uniform policy, so we can be sure the uniform is practical and children are independent in dressing, whilst still being good value for money.

We are proposing that children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 wear a plain white polo shirt rather than a shirt and tie. Please note that there is no change to the uniform for Years 3-6.

In order to make the proposed changes easier, there would be a transitional phase.

We would like your feedback on the proposed amendments to the policy and would like to invite everyone to take part, even if you don't have any concerns about the changes.

A link to a Google Form was sent out on Monday to all families. Thank you to the 64 parents who have responded already. If you have not done so yet, the closing date is Thursday 3rd March.

## Breakfast Club

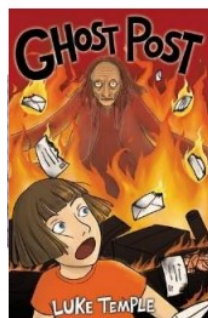
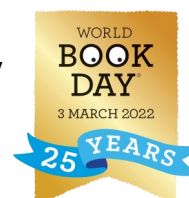
We have been running a very successful breakfast club since the beginning of January which is open from 7:30am to children from Reception to Year 6. The cost is £3 per day or free for those children eligible for free school meals. Please complete a registration form which is available from the school office.

## World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 3rd March. All children are invited to dress as a character from a book on that day. We do not have a specific theme so families are welcome to choose any book character.

If any children would like any ideas of who they could dress up as, they are welcome to come along to my office for some suggestions.

We will be having a virtual author visit on that day as well from Luke Temple and we ask that children bring in £1 towards the cost of this workshop.



*Respect*

*Responsibility*

*Determination*

*Positivity*

*Teamwork*

### Headteacher and Kindness Awards

Well done to the following children who have worked hard, had great behaviour or have shown great kindness and thoughtfulness to others:

Headteacher Award:	Kindness Award:
R: Dennis, Emma,	Mariyam
Y1: Evelyn, Leo,	Ariella
Y2: Benjamin, Messie,	Udele
Y3: Amelia, Funmi,	Emike
Y4: D'asia, Mezuo,	Jeremiah
Y5: Chevaro, Gabriella,	Daniel
Y6: Percy, Somto,	Trinity



### Vacancy for Casual Kitchen Assistant

Relish have a vacancy in the school kitchen for a casual kitchen assistant to cover absences or provide additional support on busy days.

Kitchen duties include food preparation, serving and cleaning.

Uniform and training is provided and a DBS would be undertaken.

Please hand a paper copy of your CV to the school office or email it to [michaelcamfield@relishschoolfood.co.uk](mailto:michaelcamfield@relishschoolfood.co.uk) outlining any relevant experience.

### Menu Changes next week

Tuesday will be pancakes for dessert and Wednesday (Ash Wednesday) will be a meat-free day and fish fingers and potato wedges will be served instead.



### Assembly

We restarted face-to-face assemblies on Thursday this week and Year 6 led us in a wonderful assembly about Fairtrade and sustainability—thank you.

### Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will be held on 15th and 16th March and will be a hybrid model of telephone or face-to-face meetings. Parents can choose which suits them best and this model seemed to work very well in November. Letters will be going out shortly.

### Fr Con's Reflection

Tuesday February 22<sup>nd</sup> was the feast of the CHAIR OF ST. PETER (also known as THE SEE OF ST. PETER)



It is the one single feast of the St. Peter, whom gurus appointed the Rock on which He would build His Church. (St. Peter's other feast is jointly with St. Paul on June 29<sup>th</sup>)

February 22<sup>nd</sup> is the feast of the Papacy because St. Peter was the first Pope.

The Chair of St. Peter represents the teaching authority of the Church. In our day, Francis is, as Pope, the Bishop of Rome.

A Bishop's Chair is, in Latin a "CATHEDRA". From this, we have our work 'cathedral; a large church containing the Bishop's Chair.

On the day of this feast, the intercession of St. Peter was invoked for our school. We give thanks to God for its Catholic ethos, with gratitude to God for our Catholic Faith.

If you need to contact the office, please email or telephone **01689 841 771**

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*Have a lovely weekend*

*Mrs Day*