





Newsletter No. 30

10 February 2016

Dear Parents,

It's nearly half term and the weeks since we came back in January seem to have flown by. We are now actually half way through the academic year. We all celebrated a beautiful mass together today for Ash Wednesday when all of the children, staff, parents and parishioners received ashes from Father Michael. Parish masses in school are always such lovely and spiritual occasions and all of the children sang beautifully and were really well behaved.

It has been a busy couple of weeks with Diocese inspectors in school for 2 days last week and a lot of preparation beforehand. We await the report from them which will be shared with you once it has been received and checked.

You will have received a note recently to let you know that we are setting up a half termly foodbank. This will be set up for the week before half term. We are currently collecting so please donate an item this week so that we can take it to the food bank on Friday. Please remember that any food items need to be in date by 6 months.

### **Gospel Values**

Week beginning Monday 31 January 2016

Gospel Reading - Luke 4: 20 - 30

Gospel Value – We should be ready to welcome and love everyone, just as Jesus does.

# Week beginning Monday 8 February 2016

Gospel Reading - Luke 5: 1 - 11

Gospel Value – Put your trust in God.

## **Camel Challenge**

Woodpeckers class will be raising money for CAFOD this Thursday (11 February) as part of the Camel Challenge which was set last term. Please send your child in with 50p to buy a square to guess the number of sweets in the jar.

Well done to Robin class who made shortbread biscuits to sell for CAFOD as their response to the Camel Challenge. They raised £64.10 and the biscuits were delicious!

# **Music success**

A big well done to Iris Chapman who has recently achieved grade 3 in the violin.

# **Unwelcome visitors**

We have had a report from a parent that there are head lice on the loose again. Half term is a really good time to do a nit/head lice check on your child and treat accordingly.

# Catholic children's society orange box.

Just to remind you that we have an orange collecting box in the hallway by the office for donations of the following...

- \*used postage stamps-please leave a 1cm border around the stamps.
- \*old coins from any currency
- \*unused keys
- \*old watches

If you have any of these items that you wish to donate to raise money for the Catholic Children's Society, please pop into school and drop them into the box.

#### **Robins Class**

On Tuesday Robins class had a wonderful time participating in a Pirate Dancing workshop at Axe Valley Community College where Year 9 Young Leaders showed the children how to move like pirates. The children wore pirate hats to add authenticity to their newly acquired dancing skills.

## Save the Date - Saturday 19 March

The choir and string orchestra have been entered and accepted into the Music for Youth Regional Festival at Taunton this year. Please save the date because it is really important that ALL children attend this event.

Special Person	W/E 29/01
Robins	Max P
Woodpeckers	Scarlet
Owls	Shehanaz
Kestrels	Josh
Eagles	Orla

Kind regards,

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