

# St. George's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

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Dear Parents



In our Collective Worship this week, we have been reflecting on Lent. As you'll know, Lent started on Wednesday this week and we all look ahead to how we can prepare, and be the best of ourselves, right up until Easter Sunday. The children were brilliant at thinking about what they could do over the next 6 weeks to help other, do good deeds or give things up (to raise money) for others. Let's hope they have shared these with you at home as there should be lots of tidy houses and lots of washing up done too!

## **CHILDREN GOING TO CHURCH**

Father Chris and Deacon Keith have been supporting us to restart the children attending mass again. We had started before the lockdowns and lots has been going on since then. Father Chris welcomed Year 4 to mass this morning, to join in with the parish mass at 9.30. We'll be taking a different junior class each week during Lent. Thank you to Father Chris for his support.

## **ASH WEDNESDAY**

Huge thanks to Deacon Keith who we welcomed on Wednesday to distribute ashes to our children. As always, he was able to relate to the children so beautifully as they took part in a special service in the school hall. There are a few lovely pictures on our Twitter feed as some of the Spirit Squad couldn't resist the opportunity to have a snap taken with Deacon Keith. Thank you to Miss Mawtus, and her Spirit Squad, for organizing the service and to Deacon Keith for his time and support.



## **YEAR 6 MUSICAL STARS!**

Huge thanks go out this week to Miss Rimmer from Maricourt, who came to St George's to support musical development with our Year 6 pupils. It's fantastic to have such great links with our local Catholic secondary school and benefit from some of their specialists' time. If you have a look on Twitter, you'll see and hear them playing their glockenspiels!

## **WORLD BOOK DAY**

This coming Thursday (2<sup>nd</sup> March) is World Book Day. This day is all about celebrating the love of reading and we have so many great activities lined up throughout the day. We have planned for more than ever before to ensure that the love of reading is what the day is all about. Our lucky Year 4 children also get to attend a special author visit in the Meadows library in the afternoon.

The book swap is a great part of the day and there'll be lots of staff and helpers on hand to support children in making some great choices when their class goes in to swap about!

## **NEU STRIKE ACTION**

We sent information out on Thursday regarding the impact of the strike action on St George's. On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, NEU members across the North West will be taking strike action over pay, workload, and school funding. Education is at a crisis point in relation to funding allocation, the likes of which most of us have never seen before. Due to the impact of the action, staff changes and cover, we will be closing Reception, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 5 on that day. Children in these classes will need to remain at home as it's impossible for us to ensure the safety of all children on site.

Strike action is also planned on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March should there be no agreement reached by the NEU and the Government. We will let you know if anything changes or as soon as we have any additional information.

## **GAMES ON THE YARD BEFORE SCHOOL**

I have spoken to all our children today regarding playing football, or any ball games, on the yard before school. Balls are not allowed before, or after, school as we have 235 children all crossing the yard to get into school. We have had a number of injuries and smaller children being hit by balls, as well as a few parents, so please don't allow your child to bring a ball into school. Children have access to balls throughout the school day which are safe to play with without causing injuries to others. Thank you for your support.

## **SPORTING SUCCESS**

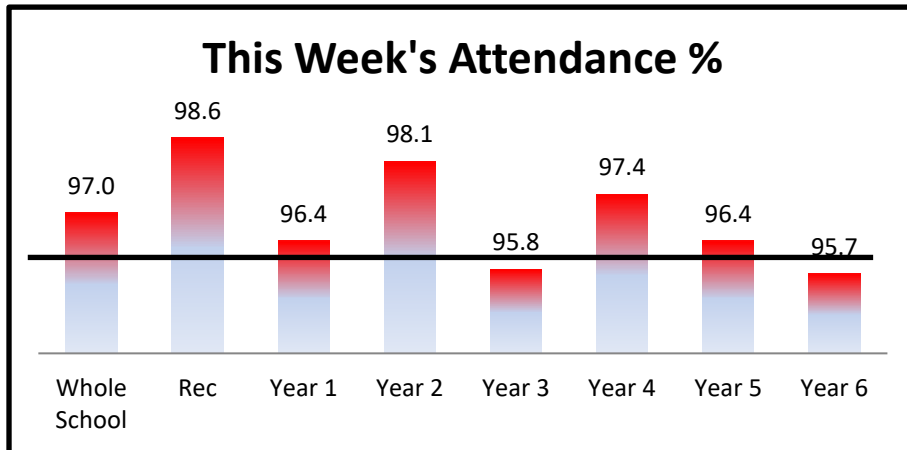
Huge congratulations to our children who have been selected to take part in the **MERSEYSIDE County Primary Schools Cross Country Championships!!!!** This takes place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March at Birkenhead Park on Park Drive. This is a huge achievement as these children have raced so well with such tough competition. 4 children have been selected from Year 5 (**Tyler Barron, Ben Halligan, Georgie McCullough and Letty Wilson**) and 1 from Year 6 (**Isaac Rigby**). We are super proud of them all and wish them well racing against all other qualifying Merseyside schools.

What's also exciting is that the first 6 athletes in each race (Y5 Boys, Y5 Girls, Y6 Boys, Y6 Girls) will be invited to take part in the NATIONAL Championships!!!! Judges will also select an additional 9 pupils who will also be eligible to take part.

Well done to our super, amazing runners and we wish them all the luck in the world in their upcoming race.

## ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance can be seen below. **Our school target is 96% which is represented by the black line.**



# AMAZING!!!!

A brilliant achievement for our school this week with **97.0%** attendance. **Well done to our super Reception class for their chart-topping success.**

Wishing you all lovely weekend.

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Headteacher