



# NEWSLETTER

9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

## Gospel

In this week's Gospel, Nicodemus tells us that God loved the world so much that he gave his only son so that we may have a better world. We all have gifts that we can give. How can we be self-giving, even in little ways, at home, at school or in the community? One of the most self-giving people in our community is our mothers. Have a wonderful Mother's Day.



## Y3 Liturgy

Thanks to Miss Hunt and the children for a wonderful Liturgy.

## Nursery and Reception Mother's Day Celebration

Today's celebration was truly wonderful. Huge thanks to the staff in Early Years for their vision in making this beautiful event happen. Videos clips of your child will be forwarded to you on the email address that you have provided us with.

## International Women's Day

We marked this with our children on Thursday and I would like to publicly recognise the contribution of our girls, wives, mothers and all our female staff to our community. Thank you so much.

## Joe's Factor

We are busy holding auditions for the two acts from each class that will perform on the night of 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 7pm. Please come along and see the vast array of talent that our children possess.

Joe's Factor Is Here



## Sport Relief

We are holding a fun run in school – date to be confirmed. We will be grateful for any voluntary contributions in aid of Sport Relief.

## **Mary's Meals Backpack Project**

Please continue to send in the following items.

- notepads,
- pencils,
- pens,
- crayons,
- rubbers,
- sharpener,
- pencil case,
- towel,
- skirt or shorts,
- flip flops or sandals,
- small ball (e.g. tennis ball),
- soap,
- toothpaste,
- toothbrush
- spoon.

The clothes (skirts and shorts) don't have to be new, they can just be clothes that your children don't use anymore and are clean and are in good condition. The clothes must be in sizes from 4-12 years old. Your child should bring in the size that matches their year group.

Remember this is our Lenten focus and ensures that young children in Malawi get some of the advantages that our children have. Please start bringing the items into school as soon as you can. The deadline for this project is Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018.

## **next week**

We will be visited by Technology Tom and the theme of the week will be around the upcoming Tall Ships Race.

Marie Harrison from Sunderland Winter Gardens will also be talking to the children about the history of shipbuilding in Sunderland.

### **Y6 Parents**

Time is getting very close for the SATs and those children who are supported and pushed the hardest at home invariably do the best. Keep challenging your child.

### **Text service correct numbers**

You will only receive text notifications if you have supplied us with an up to date number.

## **World Book Day Celebrations**

This week saw a successful Book Fair. Thank you for your support as we have earned a total of £111 of new books for our library.

We have a dance event organised on Tuesday 20th March. Choreography inspired by books for our children from Reception to Year 6.

We have rearranged World Book Day with the author visit from Liz Million who will be working with the children. The new date is on 21<sup>st</sup> March.

Take a look at Liz's website for the books she has written and illustrated:

<http://www.lizmillion.com/about>

This is the day to wear any character fancy dress (please remember that this is not essential and not to buy anything new).

## **Times Tables**

Do you ever test your child to see how quickly and accurately they can answer?

Try getting your child to read every night you will find it makes a huge difference to their performance.

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## Dates for Your Diary

### **SCIENCE WEEK 12<sup>TH</sup> – 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Little Joe's 9am – 11am  Techno Tom launching science week and working with children from Reception to Year 6  Children from Year 5 and 6 don't forget your plastic milk bottle!
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Little Joe's 9am – 11am  Year 3 Mass in church 9.15am
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Family Learning visit to Riverside Bowling Alley
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 Liturgy in school at 9am  Nursery visit to Centre for Life  Marie Hamilton from Sunderland Winter Gardens talking to Year 1 – Year 6 children about the history of shipbuilding in Sunderland
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Little Joe's 9am – 11am
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day Dance Event
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Little Joe's 9am – 11am  Year 2/1 Mass in church at 9.15am  Liz Million author and illustrator visiting school for World Book Day  Character fancy dress in school (please do not buy anything new)

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March

House Points Cinema Visit

Year 5 Netball Competition

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March

Wear something blue day for Marys Meals

Year 5 Kwik Cricket

Joes Factor 7pm