



St Dominic's Catholic Primary School

Called to be
A People of Hope

We Learn and Love in Faith

This term we celebrate...forgiveness

Whole School Attendance: 96.1

As we start Lent...



LENT **D**ear Parents

I would like to say thank you to all those who have shown such commitment to our school over the last few weeks. It has been a difficult time for all and I know that this has concerned many of you. However, the staff and I have been heartened by the support shown and kind words of many parents. I would like to once more stress the importance of coming to talk to us if you have any worries or concerns, as our priority will always be the well-being of your children.



It has been a great start to Lent this week as every class has focused on reviewing our school Mission statement, and linking this with the Diocesan focus on Mission. The children had a great time in their house teams searching for facts about St Mark.



They have also been reflecting on different parables and designing symbols to communicate our school mission to the community as a place of hope. Each class will be creating their own canvas to capture their ideas which we will hang in the main stairwell. In addition they have shared their views of the school as part of our Self Evaluation process.

We marked the start of Lent and the beginning of the new term with a whole school Mass today and I hope that you were able to join us. Next week, the children will be planning some fund raising activities in their house teams for CAFOD and other Charities that they decide to support.

One Night at the Museum: We currently organising our trip to the museums in Oxford to support the children's learning in our current topic. We aim to have the information out to you as soon as possible. Class 1 and Class 2 are planning to go to the Natural History Museum in Oxford and Class 3 and Class 4 will go the Ashmolean Museum.

Parental Voice: As part of our review of our School's Mission Statement and the annual self-evaluation process, I would be very grateful if you would complete a questionnaire that I will be sending out shortly. I understand that many of you are very busy but it would be great to capture your views. This will be available on the parent consultation evenings for you to complete, or to take away with you to return later. I would like to thank you for supporting us in this way. The staff and governors are meeting together very soon to reflect on all stake holders' views and use this to

shape our school.

Parent Consultation Evenings: Please don't forget that parent consultation meetings will be held next week on **Tuesday 27th February** from 3.30pm until 5.30pm and **Thursday 1st March** from 5.30pm until 7.30pm. Miss Allen is not available on Thursday but she will arrange to meet with any parents at a time suitable to them. Please can you help teachers by keeping to the time slots. If you need longer please don't hesitate to make an appointment at a different time when you can have longer. We hope to provide tea and coffee in the hall and all children's books will be placed there for you to view before your appointment. Please go to your child's classroom at your allotted time and knock on the door to let the teacher know you are waiting.



World Book Day – Let's share a book! This takes place on **Thursday 1st March**, We will be giving £1 book vouchers to every child and will use the day to celebrate reading. We will do this by enabling the older children to share stories with younger children in class and we will also launch our very own St Dominic's Reading Challenge! The PTA have organised a second hand book sale and we will be running a book fair for a week from 15th March which will be supervised for sales at the end of the day. Although we are happy for children to come dressed as their favourite story character on Thursday this is not compulsory – apologies for the short notice on this!

Instead they may like to wait until **Friday 2nd March** with the **Big Yellow Friday Dress up Day:** This day has been set aside, at the request of a parent, for us to raise money for children who have been affected by childhood liver disease. Children are being asked to dress in yellow for a small donation towards this worthy charity (Children's Liver Disease Foundation) who work with children and their parents who suffer the consequences of liver disease. We look forward to a very colourful week ahead!

Finally, please take some time to read the Governor newsletter which is on the website and notice board.

Best wishes

Jacqui Sollars

A time to reflect... forgiveness



Dear Lord,

I thank You for the power of forgiveness, and I choose to forgive everyone who has hurt me. Help me set them free and release them to You. Help me bless those who have hurt me. Help me walk in righteousness, peace, and joy, demonstrating Your life here on earth. I choose to be kind and compassionate, forgiving others, just as You forgave me. In Jesus' name.

Amen.

Name: -----

I would like to share my views on...

Dates for your diary...

Tue 27th Feb: Parents eve 3:30pm – 5:30pm
 Thur 1st Mar: Parents eve 5:30pm – 7:30pm
 Fri 2nd Mar: Big Yellow Friday, wear something yellow for a donation
 Fri 9th Mar: Film Club
 15th – 22nd Mar: Scholastic Book Fair
 Fri 23rd Mar: Film Club
 Thurs 29th March: Last day of term
 Mon 16th April: First day of term 5