



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

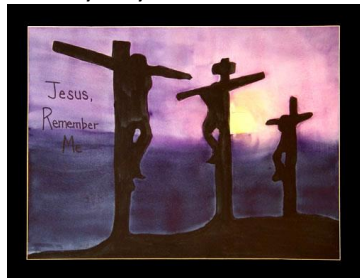
Mothers Sunday



LENT Dear Parents

'Happy Mother's Day' to all Mothers and Grandmothers this Sunday, I hope you have a lovely day and feel truly spoiled for all that you do. I am sure that you will enjoy the 'seed bomb' flower pot that your child will give to you ready to bloom with some tender loving care ☺. A special thank you to the PTA for organising this for all the children. I will be spending Mother's Day celebrating my father's 100th Birthday – quite an achievement! This Monday he received his special birthday card from the Queen which I hope to bring into show the children very soon.

Thankfully, we were able to complete the parent and teacher meetings this week to talk about your child's learning. If you were unable to attend but would like the opportunity to meet and discuss your child's progress, please either speak directly to your child's teacher or make an appointment through the school office. I would like to take this opportunity



to thank the teachers for all that they do to provide good quality learning opportunities whilst making learning fun! I received lots of positive feedback from parents about our teachers and their children's learning which I will feedback.

Lenten Stations of the Cross. I would like to say a special thank you to our chaplaincy team who led the school in reflecting on the Stations of the Cross today with Father Bill in Church. We focused on the first seven stations today with special prayers and a hymn to end. Next Friday after mass at 10:10am we will complete the stations. If any parents would like to join us for this, you would be very welcome. Each station has a short reflection and prayer read by the children. I will include some of the photos taken on our school website and display in the school.

Our last Mass for the Spring term will be on **Tuesday 27th March at 9.15 am**. It will involve all the children as they retell the Easter story until Jesus' Crucifixion. You are all very welcome to join for this special mass. After the Easter holidays, the children will be focusing on the Resurrection in RE and the message of hope this brings to all Christians.



Open Afternoon: This week it has been great to see the active learning continuing in school. Walking around the classes they have been painting, creating and problem solving and there has been a real buzz of activity! We hope to be able to share some of the work that the children have been doing this topic in our 'Open afternoon' on Thursday 29th March, which is the last day of the Spring Term, and you will have received a letter about this earlier in the week. From 1.30 pm, the school will be open for you to come and see the St Dominic's School Museum, and we would like to thank governors Mrs Greenhalgh and Mrs Thurbon in organising this on our behalf. We would be grateful if you could send in any items with your child that could be displayed and they can tell us about. In one way this is a large 'show and tell' for the whole school! The classes will also be open for you to see the children's learning and they will be entertaining us in the last Golden Assembly of the term at 2:40pm. There will be refreshments for all to enjoy so it will be great to see as many as possible there.

Girls Football Team: We are delighted that St Dominic's girls in Year4, 5 and Year 6 will be taking part in a football tournament on 19th March and they have been practising very hard with Miss Mansell at lunchtime. The girls who have signed up for this exciting event are: Maya Compton, Beatrix Drumm, Olivia Dulare-Anderson, Daisy O'Connor, Maisey McLaughlin, Ruby Ward and Ruby Lowe. We wish them every success in representing our school. Because this is so popular we will continue this and include the Year 3 girls. Our next aim is to get the boys team started, as we have lots of boys interested in this. If there is any parent who would be keen to support with this, please let me know.

K'Nex Challenge: You may remember that children in class 4 took part in this last month. I am delighted to inform you that Jakub Przybyla and Dominik Witkowski have won this 'heat, and will be taking part in the County final next month.

Parental Voice: I will be sending home a school evaluation form, and if you haven't already completed and returned one following the parent's consultation evenings, I would be grateful if you would do so. This would help the governors, staff and pupils review our School's Mission. Thank you for your support in this.



World Book Day – Let's share a book! This now take place on **Friday 16th March due to being snowed off on the actual day!** You still have time to send in some books for the second hand book sale that we will hold at the end of the day. The children will receive their £1.00 book vouchers and we will have an official book fayre of new books which will be supervised for sales at the end of the day for a week. Children are welcome to dress as their favourite story character or in yellow in support of the **Big Yellow Friday Dress up Day**, which is one of our Lenten charities this year. All proceeds for the second hand book sale and donations for dressing up will go to the charity organising Big Yellow Friday – Children's Liver Disease Foundation.

One Night at the Museum. Unfortunately, we were unable to secure our intended visit to the Museum in Oxford, however we will be going to Bristol Museum instead to enjoy what they have on offer to support the children's learning this term on Friday 23rd March. A letter will be coming home tonight.



Sports Relief: This will be another of our Lenten charity events again this year. The children will be having an afternoon of sport on.... Where they can come to school dressed in any sports kit that they would like and will be taking part in house events of relay races and other sporting activities. All we ask is that parents send in donations on the day for this worthy cause. In addition, we will also have wrist bands available for children to purchase at a cost of £1.00.

best wishes

Jacqui Sollars

A time to reflect... **forgiveness**

Dear Lord

Thank you for your gift of forgiveness. Your only Son loved me enough to come to earth and experience the worst pain imaginable so I could be forgiven. Your mercy flows to me in spite of my faults and failures. Your Word says to "clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony." (Col. 3:14) Help me demonstrate unconditional love today, even to those who hurt me. **Amen.**

Dates for your diary...

16th March – Big Yellow Friday and World Book Day – dress up for a donation. Second hand book sale
16th March – Stations of the Cross in Church, all welcome
19th March – Len Hutton Girls Football tournament
21st March – please bring in museum donations
23rd March – Whole school trip to Bristol Museum
29th March – Museum, all welcome
29th March – last day of term

Name: -----

I would like to share my views or make a suggestion on...