



## Year 3 Newsletter – Spring 2

### Homework

- Spelling:** Spelling Shed at least 4 times week. Spelling Test every Thursday!
- Maths:** Times Tables Rock Stars to be used regularly. Class tournaments set weekly. Weekly timetable tests will be completed in class every Wednesday
- Reading:** Please read with your child **EVERY** day and comment in their Reading book how they did. These are changed weekly – Your child will bring 2 books home a week

**Google Classroom** Announcements & RE Homework

**Please bring bookbags to school every day.**

### Important Diary Dates

- 19th Feb** - School opens for Spring 2 term  
**21st Feb** - Parents Meetings 1- 5pm  
**23rd Feb** - Year 3 & 4 Class Mass at St Francis Church 11am  
**1st Mar** - Year 3 Class Collective Worship 2.30pm  
**8th Mar** - Year 3 & 4 Good Shepherd Fundraising  
**15th Mar** - Year 3 & 4 Class Mass at St Francis Church 11am  
**28th Mar** - Year 3 Easter Assembly  
**28th Mar** - Break up for Easter Holiday – 2pm finish  
**8th April** - School opens for Summer 1 term.

### Year 3 staff

**Teacher:** Mrs Shaw M-Th  
 Mrs Oxley – Thur PM & Fri  
**Teaching Support:**  
 Mrs Ingham (Teacher Support)

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school after the February half term. We have had a great start to the term. This term we are immersing ourselves in Ancient Egypt, a topic which will be looked at in History, English and Guided Reading.

May God Bless you all on your Lenten Journey.

Mrs. Shaw

**RE:** Reconciliation. To make simple links between stories and Jesus’ teaching about forgiveness. To describe the Sacrament of Reconciliation and consider why it is necessary.

**English:** Egyptian Mystery Narrative inspired by *Egyptology* by Dugald Steer

**Guided Reading:** This unit will link to our English text, related to Egypt.

**Maths:** Measurements, Statistics, Fractions.

**PSHE:** Healthy Me

**Music:** Weekly choral singing.

**Science:** Rocks and Fossils

**History:** Ancient Egypt

**DT:** Seasonal Food.

**Computing:** Learn how to confidently access and understand search engines and improve fluency when typing.

**PE:** “React, roll, retrieve” - Every Tuesday.

Please ensure that the children come into school on a Tuesday wearing their correct PE kit. This includes a plain white t-shirt, plain black shorts/Joggers, plain black tracksuit, and trainers.

Ensure your child brings pumps into school for indoor use. = and all children must have a warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves for the colder months for play and lunch times



### School Golden Rules

1. Be ready
2. Be respectful
3. Be safe



## RE Newsletter Spring 2

### *The Season of Lent*

Dear Parents,

20th Feb – 31st March 2023

The word Lent comes from an old English word that means 'lengthen' and refers to the turning of Winter into Spring when the days lengthen and the cycle of life is renewed once more. There is more sunlight, birdsong is more noticeable, spring bulbs are in bloom and trees are beginning to show signs of coming to life. These signs of new life are echoed in the season of Lent through which the Church bids us to reawaken and refocus on tending to the Lord who calls us 'come back to me, with all your heart'. The journey of Lent is a journey towards the new way of living that Jesus, through the Holy Spirit, promised to us through the power of our most celebrated season – Easter.

We tend to celebrate Christmas as if it's the most important time in the Church's year, but the Resurrection of Jesus is the most important event for Christians. When Christians say that their hope is in the risen Jesus, they mean it is their greatest hope. When Jesus rose on the first Easter morning, it was a brand new kind of life. He promises this same life to all who hope in him. No wonder that Easter is the greatest feast!

Special intentions for our prayers from the Church's prayer cycle for Lent:

**Candidates for the sacraments; the needy and the hungry of the world; Women; Penitents and Wanderers**

#### Dates from the Church's calendar:

13th February	Shrove Tuesday	19th March	<b>St Joseph</b> , Husband of Mary
14th February	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	25th March	<b>The Annunciation</b>
18th February	First Sunday of Lent	31st March	Fifth Sunday of Lent
1st March	<b>St David</b> , Patron of Wales		<b>Holy Week</b>
25th February	Second Sunday of Lent	24th April	<b>Palm Sunday</b>
3rd March	Third Sunday of Lent	28th April	<b>Holy Thursday</b>
17th March	<b>St Patrick</b> , Patron of Ireland	29th April	<b>Good Friday</b>
10th March	Fourth Sunday of Lent	31st April	<b>Easter Sunday</b>

### *Year 3* —Called to Change / Reconciliation

*"During his public life Jesus not only forgave sins, but also made plain the effect of this forgiveness: he reintegrated forgiven sinners into the community ... from which sin had alienated or even excluded them. A remarkable sign of this is the fact that Jesus receives sinners at his table."* Catechism of the Catholic Church

The children will develop their understanding that Jesus called people to change, to turn away from sin and receive the love of God. They will learn that it is not always easy to change and find out about some individuals who changed through the help of Jesus. They will learn that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a celebration of God's love and forgiveness and begin to learn an Act of Sorrow. They will learn that Lent is a time to change in order to prepare for Easter.

#### At home

You could help your children by:

- thinking about how Jesus changes our lives
- reading the story of Zacchaeus



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