



Dear Parents and Carers,
 We've had another busy week in school!
 On Monday, we celebrated the Feast of the Presentation in our whole school Celebration of the Word. This feast day marks the day when baby Jesus was taken to the temple and presented to God by his parents. Simeon and Anna, two elderly people who lived in the temple, recognised Jesus as the 'Light of the World.' For this reason, the Feast of the Presentation is also called 'Candlemas' – we celebrate the light that Jesus brings to the world, and acknowledge his instruction to us to 'shine as a light' to others. During our Celebration of the Word, each class was given a new candle for their prayer table – collected by the Chaplaincy Team or the School Councillor on behalf of their class.



On Wednesday, Year 4 had a trip to the Tutankhamun exhibition in Dorchester as part of their learning about life in Ancient Egypt. It sounded like a great experience!

Urgent Notice-School Crossing

Unfortunately, the School Crossing will only be patrolled in the mornings from next week.

Year 3 parents and carers

Year 3 parents and carers should have received a letter yesterday telling them about 'Stone Age Week' in the week commencing 10th March. On the 14th March, children are invited to come in to school dressed as someone from the Stone, Bronze or Iron Age – the letter has some simple suggestions for dressing up! You are also invited to join your child on Monday, 17th March at 2.15 to see all the learning that has gone on! (2 guests per family please).

AFC Bournemouth under – 6 Showcase talent ID event.

If you are parent of a boy in Year 1, and would be interested in attending the AFC Bournemouth Pre-Academy under 6 Talent identification on Friday 21st February, please see the attached flyer with information about signing up for this event. I am sure they will be sending a similar one for girls in the coming months 😊 (Let's hope!)

Parents' Evening

We are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Parents' Evening next week which will take place here in the school on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th February. These will be in person appointments. You will have a chance to look at your child's books, but **your children should not attend this evening** – this is for adults only. If you have no option but to bring your child with you, they must sit with you, and must wait quietly outside the classroom while you go in for your appointment – they must not wander around or play in the corridors or playground. Just a reminder that these appointments are no more than ten minutes – this is a long evening for the staff, and if you run over it has a knock on effect for the other parents and the staff. If you have not already done so, please contact the school office. **If you miss your appointment, we will not be able to reschedule it.**

Safer phones Bill

Our local MP, Tom Hayes, is seeking the views of parents and carers about the use of mobile phones by young people, prior to the bill coming before parliament on 7th March. This is such an important issue for our children, and it would be great to share your views with him, so that he can make an informed contribution to the discussion. I am attaching a letter from him with this newsletter, but you can also respond to his survey using the link here: <https://www.tomhayes.org.uk/safer-phones-bill-survey>

Hope for Food fundraiser

Well done to the Year 6 Chaplaincy Team for organising the Hope for Food Fundraiser this week. I do hope that you have been able to support your child to earn some money which you can donate via WisePay. The fundraiser is open until Tuesday, 11th February and then we will announce the class which has raised the most (and earned some extra playtime!)

Mission Statement hero

Our Mission Statement hero is Bernadette Russell. who set out to complete an act of kindness every day for a year. You can see more about her – and the impact of her challenge- here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/reel/video/p0bt6c4j/the-extraordinary-power-of-kindness>

House Point challenge:

Well done to the children in St Joseph's house who have won the house point challenge this half term and can wear mufti (with a bit of yellow) next Friday, 14th February.

Well done to all our Stars of the Week!

Super Role Model:

RJ: Aasiyah; RP:Lidia; 1JC:Remee; 1WH:Kiara; 2NW: Joshua; 2MS: Leo; 3NL:Evelyn; 3DB: Amerie; 4DC:all of 4DC; 4PM:Lara; 5RH:Carla; 5JC:Evanna; 6HT:Daisy; 6KB: Antoni K .

Learning Champion

RJ:Timothy; RP:Oliver; 1JC:Natalia; 1WH:Matteo; 2NW:Aimee; 2MS:Hazel; 3NL:Franklin; 3DB:Lola; 4DC:Alfie; 4PM:Harrison; 5RH: Angelina; 5JC:Isla; 6HT:Oliver; 6KB:Hannah.

Dates for your diary:

Tues 11 th Feb	3.30-7.00pm	Parents' Evening
Wed 12 th Feb	3.30-7.00pm	Parents' Evening
Fri 14 th Feb	All day	Year 2 Great Fire of London day
Fri 14 th Feb	2.50pm	Break up for half term
Mon 24 th Feb	8.40am	School starts after half term break
Mon 24 th Feb	pm	Year 6 swimming starts (6 weeks)
Tues 25 th Feb	All day	Language and Culture Day – more info to follow
w/c 10 th March	All week	Year 3 'Stone Age Week'

Wishing you a lovely weekend with your family,

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