

St Walburga's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have made it to the end of term! It has been so lovely to spend most of Holy Week in school with the children, and this has given us a time to really reflect on our preparations for Easter.

On Monday evening, the Year 5 children led an Easter service in the Annunciation church for their families. They sang and read beautifully, it was a powerful, prayerful event.

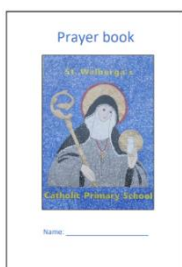


On Tuesday morning, they shared the liturgy with the rest of the school, giving the other children a chance to participate in the singing and listen to a retelling of the Passion of Christ. Thank you to Miss Cleall, Mrs Ruffle, Mrs Huntley, Mrs Perkins and Mrs Emerton for preparing the children for this.

On Wednesday, all of the children had an opportunity to spend time following the Stations of the Cross – each class had prepared a photo re-enacting one of the Stations, which made it meaningful for all the children.

This morning, we joined together for a Maundy Thursday assembly, focusing on the call to service of others. This is such an important part of our Mission Statement and something we try to do every day to walk in the footsteps of Jesus. The children followed the assembly up with some work with their prayer buddies about how we can serve God and others.

Our Year 6 Worship Councillors have created a very special St Walburga's Prayer Book – your child will have been familiarising themselves with it in school this week, and will have brought it home today. Please take a few minutes to look at this with your child, and help them decide on a safe place to keep it so that they can access it at home, and bring it into school when they are asked to do so.



Fundraising

We managed to dodge the predicted rain on Monday, and had a super time down at the BSB field, completing our Great Lent Run! Thank you to Mr Browne for organising this event, and to those of you who have supported us in any way, through sponsorship, coming along to cheer, or both! This morning, the total collected stood at a storming £1605.00!

If you still have any sponsor money to pay in, please use this link: <https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-walburgas-catholic-primary-school>



Your donations to the Food Bank were collected on Tuesday morning – as always, they were very grateful for the generosity of the St Walburga's family – thank you all so much.

The Year 4 children had a super day out on Wednesday, when they went to Dorchester to visit the Tutankhamun Exhibition to support their learning about life in Ancient Egypt. Thanks to Miss Carlson and Miss Ryland for organising this enrichment opportunity for the children.

Spring Treat day

We will be having a celebration of Spring and Easter with the children on Wednesday, 17th April in the first week back. The children can come to school in mufti on that day, and we have some lovely activities planned for them. There is no charge for this day – it is funded by the PSA. Reception children are invited to bring things in to decorate their Easter hats (we provide the hats) and parents and carers of reception children are invited to come in and admire their millinery creations in the KS1 playground at 2.30pm.

School Building Fund

You may remember that I sent out a plea for support with our invoice for the School Building Fund – you were very generous with your support and really helped us out. The Spring invoice is now due – if you are able to help at all, please do so via WisePay. Many, many thanks!

SWOOSH Club Vouchers

As it is the end of the financial year, could those of you who pay for the SWOOSH club using childcare vouchers please ensure that all SWOOSH club sessions booked on WisePay are paid for immediately through your provider.

Year 6 Residential

Just a reminder that all payments for the Year 6 residential must be completed by 30th April. Please ensure you are fully paid up by then! Thanks.

Hot meals

The deadline for ordering hot meals has now passed – if you haven't already ordered, please ensure that your child brings a packed lunch in for the first week back.

Club news

No clubs in the first week back except SWOOSH, netball and revision clubs.

Staffing news

I am writing to let you know that Miss Lyons and Miss Ryland will be leaving us at the end of the school year in July; they have both secured jobs overseas (not in the same school!) We are so grateful for all they have contributed in their time with us – they will be greatly missed but we wish them well on their next adventures! We have appointed Miss Sarah McKinley as Leader for Inclusion, and Mrs Karen Tomlinson as a class teacher and look forward to welcoming them in September.

Dates for your diary:

Mon 15 th April	8.40am	Term starts for children
Wed 17 th April	All day	Spring Treat day for children
Wed 17 th April	2.30pm	Parents and carers of reception children invited into playground for the Easter bonnet parade!
Fri 19 th April	Am	Year 3 Swimming starts
Mon 13 th May	All day	Key Stage 2 SATs week starts
Thurs 23 rd May	2.50pm	Term ends for children
Fri 24 th May	All day	Staff training day – school closed for children.

Wishing you a blessed, happy Easter, and a lovely break with your families

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