



# St Walburga's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Number 22

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a good week. There's lots of information to share with you about upcoming events, so please read this newsletter carefully and have it handy to refer to!

We were delighted to receive two letters from Damien Hinds, Minister for schools, congratulating us on our Year 1 phonics results and our Key Stage 2 results from summer 2023. I am attaching them to this email for your information. Well done, once again, to the staff team and the children for these fantastic achievements.

Next Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> March, is World Book Day and we will be celebrating all things reading here at school. The children (and staff) are invited to come in dressed as their favourite book characters – we are looking forward to celebrating the day together!

### Chocolate Raffle

To help with the fun, the PSA have organised a golden ticket chocolate themed raffle! We have some specially designed chocolate bars (plain Galaxy). The children will be able to purchase a bar for £2.00, and 10 lucky winners will find a raffle prize in their wrapper (as well as the chocolate of course!) Prizes include vouchers to visit Falmer Palmers, Snowtrax, Odeon Cinema and the Tank Museum, Moors Valley Car park and £10.00 Smyths vouchers. You can now purchase the chocolate bars for your children, via WisePay (maximum 1 per child). Sales will close on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March, and the children will be given their bar on Thursday (World Book Day) to bring home and open with you. Any prizes should then be claimed from the School Office. Thank you for your support with this – to Ms Hession for coming up with the idea, to the volunteers who came and stuck the wrappers on yesterday, and of course to you for buying the bars! I really hope this will be fun for the children, as well as a way of raising funds for our PSA.



### Clean Air Day

On Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March, we will be having a Clean Air Day in school. Last Friday, in assembly, children from Year 5 and 6 shared their findings about air quality in Malvern Rd, and how it is adversely affected by cars idling in the road with their engines running – it was quite a shock to many of them! On the 6<sup>th</sup> March, all of the children are encouraged to come to school 'actively' on that day, walking cycling or scooting (even if only part of the way). Every child who does this will be given a raffle ticket and entered into a draw for a scooter. The children will have extra assemblies that day, led by Kate Salter from the Sustrans charity. At the end of the day, you are all invited to come for a (quick) walk through the hall to see the children's learning on display – please enter via the front office and go out across the Key Stage 1 playground.

### Year 5 Residential September 2024

Just a reminder that the deadline for the deposit for the Year 5 Residential in September (current Year 4) is Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March. You also need to ensure that you have completed the permission form here: <https://forms.office.com/e/rPmNngxFE0D>

### Book Fair

Advance warning that we will be holding a Book Fair in school on Weds 13<sup>th</sup>, Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> and Fri 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024 2.50-3.15pm. We will need helpers to staff and help set up the fair – please contact the office if you would be able to help, or let Mrs Crutchley or me know on the gate.

### Lenten fundraising and activities

Our Lenten activities are well underway now – it is great to see the Foodbank collections building up in the classrooms, thank you all for your generosity. I hope that your child has been continuing to colour in their cross at home as we count the days of preparation as we head towards Easter. Hopefully, your child has been able to get some sponsors for our Big Lent Walk for CAFOD. We will be sending a further letter out on Monday with more details of our plans for this event, but I can give you a head's up now. Mr Browne has arranged for us to have access to the Bournemouth School for Boys field on the morning of Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> March, and each class will go down to the field in a specific timeslot to do their walk (or in some cases, run!) You will be welcome to come down and cheer them on – the time slots and further details of our use of the field are in the letter which you will receive next week.

### PSA

We haven't had any responses at all to our request for help with the uniform sales. If this is something you think you could help with, either sorting the boxes or taking on the sales, please complete the form below. <https://forms.office.com/e/4RviRv9SSs>

### Reading Den

Just a reminder that there will be an opportunity for KS1 parents to read with their child after school until 3.15pm in 'The Reading Den', starting on Monday next week. We hope you will be able to enjoy this opportunity to read in a different environment with your child. YR – Monday, Y1 – Tuesday, Y2 – Thursday.

### Mission Statement hero and Stars of the week.

Our Mission Statement hero this week is Dolly Parton, who has done so much to promote reading and access to books for children. Well done to all our Stars of the Week who have been trying so hard to live out our Mission Statement:

**Super Role Model:** RP: Jenson; RJ:Chloe ; 1JC: Anna; 1WH: Florian; 2NW: Isaac; 2ML: Dominic; 3BM: Klara; 3NL:Gracie; 4CY: Zayra; 4CR:Evelyn; 5JC: Pierre; 5RH: Oliver; 6KB: Olivia T; 6PM:Ava C.

**Learning Champion:** RP: Sienna; RJ:Amelia; 1JC: Cameron; 1WH: Edie; 2NW: Arya; 2ML: Sofia; 3BM: Theo; 3NL:Nicholas; 4CY:Ozan; 4CR:Poppy; 5JC: Olivie; 5RH: Ivo; 6KB: Bianka; 6PM: Jack.

### Dates for your diary:

Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Mar	All day	Clean Air Day
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	All day	World Book Day
Weds 13 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	2.50pm	Book Fair
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	2.15pm	RP Liturgy – <i>parents &amp; carers welcome</i>
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	2.15pm	RJ Liturgy - <i>parents &amp; carers welcome</i>
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar	All day	Dream Jobs Day
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Am	Big Lent Walk at BSB
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	6.30pm	Year 5 Easter service at the Annunciation church – more info to follow
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	2.50pm	Term ends for children

Wishing you a lovely weekend with your family,

Veronica Woodward  
Headteacher

Malvern Road, Bournemouth, BH9 3BY  
Tel: 01202 528811

email:office@stwalburgasprimary.co.uk

Website: stwalburgas.bournemouth.sch.uk