



# St Walburga's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024

Number 21

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely having the children back in school this week – thank you for sending them in so smart and ready to learn! It's a shame we have had so many wet playtimes this week – but hopefully Spring will be with us soon.

We had some lovely news this week – Mrs Lee's baby arrived on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February. I am sure you will join me in wishing Mr and Mrs Lee many congratulations on the safe arrival of their daughter – Nora Dorothy Lee! She is absolutely beautiful and we are all looking forward to meeting her.

### Lenten activities

I hope you have been able to support your child in getting some sponsors for our CAFOD fundraising – the Big Lent Walk. We had a visitor from CAFOD in school this week, who told the children about the work they do overseas to help others, and showed them how their money would be used. We are just finalising the details of the walk – and will let you know in the next week or so when and where we will be walking!

Your child should have received a 'date' this week for their foodbank donation. The collection days start on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February and will finish on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – they will be collected the following week. It would be great if you child could bring in a packet or a tin on their donation day – thanks as always for your generosity.

I hope your child has made a start on completing their Lenten cross – colouring one section each day that they do something 'extra'. We are looking forward to displaying the crosses in school after Easter.

### PSA News

We are planning a fun chocolate-themed 'raffle' for the children on World Book Day, we need some help to get the chocolate bars ready. If you would be able to spare an hour on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> February at 1.30pm to do some wrapping and sticking – please let us know! Catch us on the gate or complete the form below if you are able to help! More info about the raffle in next week's newsletter.

<https://forms.office.com/e/PrqdurH1mr>

### Uniform sales

Many thanks to Mrs Jakubowska who has done a fantastic job for the last couple of years running our second-hand uniform sales. She has decided it is time to pass the baton. We are now looking for someone else to help with organising the sales – we have lots of uniform and it would be great if we could have sales on a fairly regular basis, because everyone is feeling the pinch at the moment! We could do with a few volunteers to spend an afternoon sorting through the donations and boxes, and then send out some dates in the diary for the rest of the year. If you feel this is something you could take on, or at least help with from time to time – please let us know! Thanks in advance. Please complete the form below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/4RviRv9SSs>

### World Book Day

Just a reminder that we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> March and your child is invited to come into school dressed as a book character.

### Dream Jobs' Day

Thank you very much to those of you who have volunteered to come and talk to the children on our Dream Jobs' Day – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March – we are very grateful! We are still looking for a few more volunteers, we want the children to learn about as many jobs as possible. If you are able to help, please complete this form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/xKc9Ss0YiU>

### Building fund

Thank you so much to those of you who donated to our School Building Fund last term. Our Spring term invoice has now arrived – if there is any way you can help us out by donating via **WisePay** we would be very grateful.

### Reading Den

Starting from the 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024 (the week of World Book Day) there will be an opportunity for KS1 parents to read with their child after school until 3.15pm in 'The Reading Den.' 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.

### Attendance

We are half way through the year now and I am pleased to tell you that our attendance at the end of Spring Half Term 1 was 96.12%. We are really pleased that we are on target.

Here is the attendance breakdown for each year group;

Year Group	Attendance
Reception	95.63%
Year 1	95.58%
Year 2	95.89%
Year 3	96.93%
Year 4	96.03%
Year 5	96.69%
Year 6	96.24%

Well done to all of key stage 2 for being above target!

No stars of the week this week as we had a Clean Air Assembly- watch this space for more information on our work in this area!

### Dates for your diary:

Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	2.15pm	1JC Liturgy – <i>parents &amp; carers welcome</i>
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	2.15pm	1WH Liturgy – <i>parents &amp; carers welcome</i>
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> March	All day	World Book Day
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	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,

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