

# Westminster Cathedral Catholic Primary School

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# Newsletter



23rd February 2018

*'Love one another as I have loved you'*  
*John 13:34*

## LENT

Ash Wednesday took place during half term. This marks the beginning of Lent which we will be observing in school.

Each Wednesday the staff will have an opportunity to reflect on each station of the cross as a staff community.

There will also be a twenty minute liturgy for pupils in KS2 each Wednesday lunch time.

Father Pat will lead our Reconciliation Service Tuesday 27th February in school.

Father Pat will also lead each class in the Stations of the Cross at Holy Apostles Church which you are invited to attend. Please see the dates on this newsletter or in the school calendar on our website.

## Celebrating our music provision.

Dear parents/ carers,

In the half term I received an email informing us that we have been granted a music mark.



**SCHOOL  
MEMBER**

This is a national organisation that recognises a commitment to providing high quality music education for all children and young people.

The letter received says: *"You have been nominated, and supported financially by your local Music Service/hub. They have recognised the value that you place on music and requested that you become a Music Mark School Member.*

*I am therefore delighted to award you this membership certificate, which I hope you will feel able to share with your whole school community."*

I am very proud to see that all the music provision we have in school has been acknowledged. We currently provide music through:

- qualified class music teacher
- Tri-borough Music Hub
- Pimlico Musical Foundation
- Westminster Choir School outreach programme
- Whole class Strings lessons—Year 2
- Lessons available in guitar/ flute/ clarinet/ piano/ violin/ viola/ cello/ bells. I am currently trying to arrange singing lessons.
- School orchestra
- Two school choirs
- Performing in a range of local and national events.
- Musical Theatre club.

Thank you for your on going support in the music opportunities we have in school. God Bless Mrs Stacey

# World Book Day

Just to remind you next Thursday 1st March is World Book Day. The children are to come to school dressed as a book character of their choice. (No football kits please).

*The children will bring home on Monday their £1 book voucher.*

## School Uniform—Blazers.

Thank you so much to the parents/ carers who have seen the school blazer options and offered their opinion. All opinions are valued!

I have three samples of school blazers and continue to invite you to come and see them in the school hall Monday 26th February, Tuesday 27th February and Wednesday 28th February 3pm-3.45pm to get your opinion as to which blazer we should opt for. I also have the original school black blazer and the school rain jacket to look at.





Today is CAFOD's Family Fast Day – a day to give up a meal and give generously to help some of the poorest people in the world.

By fasting, we can focus on what really matters – our relationship with God and love for our brothers and sisters. But not all our brothers and sisters can choose whether or not they go without food. No child should have to go hungry. Since reading this, children around the world have died from malnutrition. The lack of good food made them vulnerable to everyday infections.

On Family Fast Day, as we pray and fast, we bring to mind all God's children. We remind ourselves that as God's family, we are all connected – when one child goes hungry, we all go hungry. Through CAFOD's Family Fast Day, you can show children that they are not forgotten. They are part of our family. And we care. You can donate using one of CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal envelopes from church. Please do fill in the form to Gift Aid your donation. Your gift can help end hunger and poverty across the world.

And this Lent, your donation will make double the difference. For every pound you donate to CAFOD, the UK Government will also donate a pound. At no extra cost to you, twice the number of lives can be transformed. Twice the number of children can have the opportunity to grow up healthy and strong. The government will double your donations throughout Lent, up to a total value of £5 million, so now is a crucial time to give.

### **Can you keep your child safe watching YouTube?**

Many device screens are small and your child may be wearing headphones, it is harder for parents to be aware of what their child may be watching. A risk includes watching broadcast TV (content that would be shown live after the '9pm water shed') or adult-focused YouTube clips.

Everyone's experience of YouTube is customised and therefore different, so sharing devices with different aged users raises risks. While [YouTube Kids](#) provides better 'childproofing' than Youtube itself, do not assume it is all harmless. So, set things up for the very young children, to restrict the risk that they are going to broadcast TV or adult Youtube.

### **Parents Views**

The celebration Assembly takes place every Friday at 2.45pm however, we would like to seek the views of parent's about the possibility of changing this to Friday mornings at 9.15am. If you have any views or opinions on this please speak to Mrs Stacey.

### **Letters that have gone home this week**

Reception — Bling your Bike, Yr1 — Bling your Bike, Yr2 — Bling your Bike & Chick Letter, Yr3 — Bling your Bike, , Yr4 — Bling your Bike & Easter Workshop, Yr5 — Bling your Bike & Child Survey Permission Slip, Yr6 — Bling your Bike & Child Survey Permissions Slip



Congratulations to  
Year R: Daniel Mehinni  
Frank Beauvois

Year 1: Nathan Henderson  
Maggie-Sue  
Wedesch-Harris

Year 2: Nicholas D'Souza  
Ross  
Janae Balighot

Year 3: Christopher Prado-  
Caicedo  
Valentina Sweeney

Year 4: Leo Staples  
Yuran Coreia

Year 5: Whole Class  
Year 6: Giuseppe Meaney  
Laolu Omobolaji

### Attendance

#### Congratulations to...

**Year 5-** for the  
highest percentage of at-  
tendance for w/b 5.2.18

Take a look at your own  
class' attendance.

Year R—95.8 %

Year 1— **97.6%**

Year 2— **97.2%**

Year 3— 94.7%

Year 4— 94%

Year 5— **98.6%**

Year 6—**97.2 %**

**Remember our school tar-  
get is 96.5%.**

## Key Dates for Spring Term 2018

**Monday 26th February, Tuesday 27th February and  
Wednesday 28th February 3pm-3.45pm:** Parents to come in  
to the hall to see the blazers and make a comment

**Monday 26th February:** Year 4 Chorister workshop at the  
Cathedral Hall

**Tuesday 27th February:** Year 6 Stations of the Cross at Holy  
Apostles

**Tuesday 27th February:** Reconciliation and ashes service—  
KS2

**Wednesday 28th February:** Year 6 visiting the Ben Kinsella  
Exhibition

**Thursday 1st March:** World Book Day (Children to dress as  
a book character)

**Friday 2nd March:** Year 5 Library

**Tuesday 6th March:** Year 4 football tournament

**Tuesday 6th March:** Year 5 Stations of the Cross at Holy  
Apostles

**Wednesday 7th March:** 3pm—Caterlink (school dinners)  
tasting session for parents.

**Friday 9th March:** Year 6 library

**Monday 12th March:** Children anxiety workshop for parents  
run by a member of staff from CAMHS

**Tuesday 13th March:** Year 4 Stations of the Cross at Holy  
Apostles

**Wednesday 14th March:** Year 6 basketball tournament

**Friday 16th March:** Year 3 library

**Tuesday 20th March:** Parents' evening

**Tuesday 20th March:** Year 3 Stations of the Cross at Holy  
Apostles

**Thursday 22nd March:** Parents' evening

**Friday 23rd March:** Red Nose Day

**Monday 26th March:** 9.15am Year 1 and Year 2 Palm Sun-  
day liturgy and performance

**Tuesday 27th March:** 9.15am Year 3 and Year 4 Last Sup-  
per liturgy and performance

**Wednesday 28th March:** 9.15am Year 5 and Year 6 Stations