



Lent Giving

We are now in the season of Lent and during this season we spend time developing our relationship with God through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Our Mini Vinnies develop projects each year which support the school community to do this. This year it takes 3 forms – our weekly cake sales which will raise funds for our local SVP; donations of children's clothes, books, toys, games and shoes for our local St Oswald's Hospice and Tyneside Community Store and finally our Shine Bright Day on 27th March to raise funds for Sarah's Star. Please send the donations of children's items to the school office.

Year 5 Family Celebration of the Word

Today our Year 5 pupils led a beautiful family Celebration of the Word on the theme of our 'friendship with Jesus'. They prayed and reflected beautifully – thank you to everyone who joined us!

Year 2 Great Fire Learning

Last week the children in Year 2 completed their History work on the Great Fires. After learning about the Great Fire of London they developed their local history work by learning about the Great Fire of Gateshead and Newcastle. On Wednesday they welcomed Richard Stevenson (That History Bloke) to tell them all about life on the Quayside in Victorian Times and the events of the Fire. Then on Thursday they went on a trip to the Quayside to explore the events of the fire and see how the Quayside had changed.

School Lunches

Please log into your Arbor Portal account to make your school lunch selections or if you need to make any changes. Remember that due to changes within the Arbor system you will need to manually choose the dinner choices for your child no later than 4 days before the beginning of the week to place their dinner choices. Please remember to regularly check your child's meals balance on your Arbor Parent Portal to prevent from accruing a debt.

Reception/Year 6 Class Mass

On Thursday our Year 6 pupils supported their special friends in Reception class to lead the Parish Mass on the theme of Community. Together they led the readings and prayers and sang beautifully, supported by their family members.

World Book Day

Next Thursday is World Book Day and we invite parents and carers to join us in our classrooms from 8.45-9.45am to share 'Breakfast with Books'. The Scholastic Book Fair will be visiting school from Tuesday 3rd March and is open before and after school each day. Please support this fair as all books purchased raise funds to buy new books for school.

Dates for Diary

Monday 2nd March – Rec/Y6 Height and Weight Checks

Tuesday 3rd March – Book Fair in School

Tuesday 3rd March – Year 5 @ Dance Festival 6pm

Wednesday 4th March – Year 5/6 Cyberbullying Workshops

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day

Thursday 5th March – Mini Vinnies Meeting after school

Friday 6th March – Years 1&2 Cake Sale

House of the Week is St Hilda's

Next week is MONKEY week on the school lunch menu

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