



Spring First Half Term

2018

Christmas seems a distant memory but I would still like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the support given to us in the weeks leading up to Christmas.

Staff and children provided us with many opportunities to share in the true meaning of Christmas. Those of us fortunate enough to see our Nursery children perform their very first nativity and our Reception and Year One children retell the Christmas Story with their performances of 'The Sleepy Shepherd' were amazed by the joy and excitement of our children as they shared the Christmas message with us. Parents and parishioners joined with us on Monday 18th December at Our Lady's Church as children from Year 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 led us in a fantastic Carol Service and the term ended with a wonderful Sing Along Coffee Morning.

Mass and Liturgies

Liturgies and class masses have been arranged for this term:

| Date | Class leading | Location |
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| Friday 12 th Jan | Year 4 | 9.15am School hall |
| Thursday 18 th Jan | Year 6 | 9.30am Our Lady's Church |
| Friday 26 th Jan | Year 2 | 9.15am School Hall |
| Thursday 1 st Feb | Year 5 | 9.30am Our Lady's Church |
| Friday 9 th Feb | Year 1 | 9.15am School Hall |
| Friday 23 rd Feb | Year 3 | 9.15am School Hall |
| Thursday 1 st Mar | Year 4 | 9.30am Our Lady's Church |
| Wednesday 7 th Mar | Year 4 | 2.30pm Our Lady's Church |
| Friday 9 th Mar | Reception | 9.15am School Hall |
| Thursday 15 th Mar | Year 3 | 9.30 Our Lady's Church |
| Monday 19 th Mar | Feast of St Joseph- Husband of Mary - celebration to be announced | |
| Friday 23 rd Mar | Year 5 | 9.15am School Hall |
| Thursday 29 th Mar | Year 6 | Stations of the Cross in Our Lady's Time -TBC |

Booster Classes

Booster classes are running this term for Year 6 each Monday, from **15th Jan**, to provide additional support for the children in mathematics, reading and spelling.

Music Tuition

Small group music tuition takes place every Monday afternoon for those children wishing to learn to play the guitar and Mrs Critton teaches violin to all of Year 2 as part of our wider opportunities music programme.

Mathletics and Spellodrome

The ICT room is available on Tuesday and Thursday lunchtime from 12-12.20 with Mrs Tate for any KS2 child who wishes to practice their spellings or complete maths tasks.

Kidsafe - Year 3

This term Mrs Johnson will be completing the Kidsafe PSHE programme with Year 3. This is the 3rd year we have run this programme which focuses on children's emotional and personal development. Any Y3 parent who would like further information please contact Mrs Johnson.

Year 3 Skipping Festival

We would like to wish Year 3 Good Luck as they take on our Deanery Schools in a Skipping competition on **Thursday 8th February** at St Robert's.

Book Day

As in previous years we are celebrating our love of literature by dressing up as different book characters. This year our chosen date is **Tuesday 6th March** to coincide with the launch of our school Book Fair. A timetable of opening times will be released nearer the date.

Beamish - Year 6

Year 6 will be learning all about the different roles for men and women in the war as part of their 'Queen of their Machine' topic with Beamish Museum. As part of this topic, Year 6 will receive a session in school on **Friday 9th February**, followed by a visit to the museum on **Friday 23rd February**. The cost of this trip will be covered by their Virgin Money 'Make £5 grow' project.

Homework and Home Reading Please continue to read and supervise your child's homework. Each class teacher will expect the homework back in on time as returning homework is an important part of the task. It is no secret, those children who read at home each night go on to the greatest successes.

Lent

As part of our Lenten prayers, Hannah, our Children's Ministry Worker, will be planning and leading liturgy with each class. This intimate prayerful liturgy will take place in the classroom each Wednesday morning, 9am, during Lent. Parents, grandparents and carers are warmly invited to attend the classroom liturgy.

The dates and classes are as follows

21st Feb Year 6

28th Feb Year 5

14th Mar Year 2

21st Mar Year 1

28th Mar Year 3

Year 4 will have a Lenten retreat day at Our Lady's Church on **Wednesday 7th March** which will end with a liturgy from 2.30-3pm and Mrs Murray will lead Reception Lenten Liturgy in the Reception Class on **Tuesday 27th March**.

Parents, grandparents and carers are warmly invited to join with Year 4's Liturgy in church and Reception in their classroom.

All dates correct at time of going to print.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 10th Jan - Walkwise introductory session Year 1

Friday 12th Jan - Year 4 Liturgy

Wednesday 17th Jan - Walkwise Year 1

Thursday 18th Jan - Year 6 Mass

Thursday 18th Jan - Year 4 Handball

Tuesday 23rd Jan - Year 6 NISSAN visit

Wednesday 24th Jan - Walkwise Year 1

Wednesday 24th Jan - Year 6 Science visit to St Robert's

Friday 26th Jan - Year 2 Liturgy

Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st Jan - Parents' Evening (NO AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS)

Wednesday 31st Jan - Modern Foreign Languages from St. Robert's to visit Year 6

Wednesday 31st Jan - Walkwise Year 1

Thursday 1st Feb - Year 5 Mass

Tuesday 6th Feb - Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 7th Feb- Walkwise final session Year 1

Thursday 8th Feb - Year 3 Skipping Festival

Friday 9th Feb - Year 1 Liturgy

Friday 9th Feb -Beamish to visit Year 6

Monday 12th - Friday 16th Feb - HALF TERM

Monday 19th Feb- Friday 23rd Feb - Anti-Bullying Week (Poetry Focus)

Wednesday 21st Feb - Year 6 classroom Lent Liturgy

Friday 23rd Feb - CAFOD Family Fast Day Year 3 Liturgy

Friday 23rd February - Year 6 to visit Beamish

Wednesday 28th Feb- Year 5 classroom Lent Liturgy

Thursday 1st Mar- Year 4 Mass

Monday 5th March- Thursday 8th March - BOOK FAIR in school

Tuesday 6th March -Book Character Day Dress Up Day

Wednesday 7th Mar - Year 4 Lent Retreat with Liturgy at 2.30 in Our Lady's Church

Wednesday 7th Mar - Modern Foreign Languages from St. Robert's to visit Year 6

Thursday 8th Mar- Year 1 Dance Festival

Friday 9th Mar- Reception Liturgy

Wednesday 14th Mar - Year 2 classroom Lent Liturgy

Thursday 15th Mar - Year 3 Mass

Monday 19th Mar- Feast of St Joseph- Husband of Mary

Wednesday 21st Mar- Year 1 classroom Lent Liturgy

Thursday 22nd Mar- School Photographs

Friday 23rd Mar- Year 5 Liturgy

Friday 23rd Mar- Sports Relief Fundraiser - Penalty Shoot Out

Friday 23rd Mar- Year 5 Debate Team at St Robert's

From Monday 26th March - No afterschool clubs, guitars, violins or swimming as this is Holy Week.

Tuesday 27th Mar- Reception classroom Lent Liturgy

Wednesday 28th Mar Year 3 classroom Lent Liturgy

Thursday 29th Mar - Stations of the Cross led by Year 6