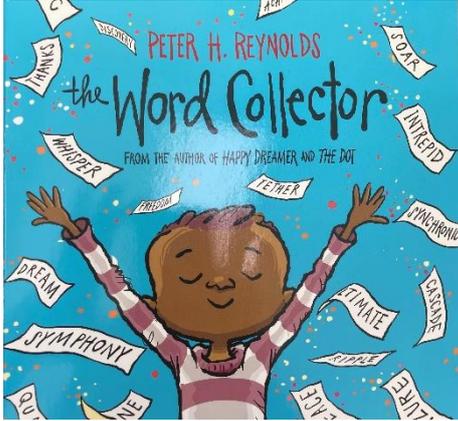




It seems not long ago we celebrated Christmas and now here we are coming up to Easter. Lent begins Wednesday, 2nd March and we are hoping that will be able to hold a service in school for our children to attend and receive the ashes.

World Book Day

We are celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March and instead of thinking about favourite characters or pyjamas for a bedtime story, we are looking at words! I have decided to use a book as a theme for this year and it is called 'The Word Collector' by Peter Reynolds. It is all about a boy who collects words and is a really lovely book to use as a theme as we all know that words are the strongest form of communication we have. It would be lovely if the children could dress as a word and other children have to guess what word they are. It can be any word and there are lots of ideas on google. For example, if you wanted to be the word black, children could come to school wearing all black. The teachers are busy thinking of different ideas they can use, in their classrooms that day. We are asking parents for a donation that day, this money will be used to purchase books for our book vending machine. There will be tubs available at each gate, for children to put their donation into.



I would also like to have a book swap that day. Children will be able to bring in a book from home, they no longer read but is in a good condition, and swap it for another book, that another child has donated. Books can be brought into school from Monday 28th February until Thursday 3rd March.

POP-UP UNIFORM SWAP SHOP

Many parents dispose of their child's old uniform in the bin and they end up in landfill. Many of these uniforms are still of a good quality so I am pleased to announce that our next Pop-Up Swap Shop will be Wednesday 2nd March. 2.15pm-3.30pm. This will be an opportunity for you to bring any unwanted or outgrown piece of your child's uniform and swap it for one that will fit them.

If you don't have anything to swap you are still very welcome to come and choose a piece of uniform. However, if you would just like to donate any, there is a metal crate in the entrance to the office for you to drop off any unwanted uniform.

PARKING

When dropping your child off and picking up please respect residents on Hart Lane and the streets surrounding the school. This also includes dropped disability curbs. I have had a number of complaints from people who are unable to cross in these places, due to parents parking across them. The council have been contacted and will be monitoring the situation.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Twenty six children, from our school, will be making their First Reconciliation on Saturday 5th and Saturday 12th March at St Joseph's Church. Please keep them in your prayers. Further information about First Holy Communion preparation and other things that are taking place in the Holy Family Parish can be found here: <https://sacredheart.bhcet.org.uk/parish/>

NURSERY

Thank you to the Nursery parents, who have requested more information about the new 30-hours that we are able to offer after Easter. This is very exciting and I am confident that it will not only be of benefit to working parents but also the children.

STUDENT COUNCIL



Our wonderful student council have been busy working on a saying that makes us all lesson ready.

They had some fabulous ideas that their classes had been working on but we finally decided that it would be:

Be respectful;
Be responsible;
Be resilient.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Friday 18 th February 2022	Half Term
Monday 28 th February	Children return to school
Wednesday 2 nd March	Ash Wednesday
Thursday 3 rd March	World Book Day
Wednesday 16 th March	Tempest Photography – more information to follow
w/b 4 th April	Parent Consultation Evenings
Thursday 14 th April	School closes for Easter holidays
Tuesday 3 rd May	Children return to school

Items in red are new this week.

Have a lovely half term, I hope the weather improves and we manage to have some lovely days out with friends and family.

School reopens on Monday 28th February at 8.40am.

Thank you for your continued support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Howell', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Mrs A. Howell
Headteacher