



Firstly, welcome back from the half term break. The children have settled very well and we have had a very busy week with Ash Wednesday, our Pop-Up Uniform Swap Shop and World Book Day on Thursday. Thank you for all of your kind donations, we raised an incredible £261 and some parents donated a book for the vending machine. The children also had the opportunity to swap one of their own books for that of another child. The children (and parents) came up with ingenious ways to dress as a particular word. Well done! Mrs Howell was ,,,, zebra! Well done to all the children who guessed it correctly, the winner, whose name was pulled out of the hat was Joe L from Year 5. Well done Joe, though I did particularly like Darcy from Year 3 who thought my word was beautiful!



COVID

Positive cases and symptomatic staff, pupils and adults. Any pupils, staff or other adults with a positive test, COVID-19 symptoms or are a close contact of a case should follow the guidance in "COVID-19: people with COVID-19 and their contacts". Whilst the legal requirement to self-isolate has been removed, people with symptoms or a positive test should continue to isolate for the required period.

CAFOD



We are now in Lent and one of the things we, as Catholics do, during this special time is to think of those less fortunate than ourselves. Each class is going to devise their own fundraising, which will go to CAFOD in support of their Walk Against Hunger campaign; more details can be found here: <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Walk-Against-Hunger> . Next Friday, the classes will be completing their own walk around school as part of this initiative but rather than ask parents for more donations we will be fundraising for this very special cause throughout Lent (which ends when we break up for the Easter holidays). Instead, we have teamed up with Hogg Logistics and will be collecting items to send to Ukraine. You can donate over the counter medicines, First Aid equipment such as bandages, plasters, eye wash etc and good condition blankets, quilts and sleeping bags. We will start to collect them from next Monday until Friday.

RED NOSE DAY

Red Nose Day is taking place on Friday 18th March. I appreciate that children enjoy taking part and this year is no exception. Children will be allowed in school out of uniform and any donations will be sent to Red Nose Day; further information about this charity can be found here: <https://www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday>

SPECIAL PERSON STALL

Back by popular demand, our special person stall will be held, here in school, on Thursday 24th March. Children will have the opportunity to purchase something for a special person in their life for the bargain price of £1.50 – unfortunately even Sacred Heart have had to put their prices up! This will need to be paid for in cash and children will choose something from the stall during the course of the school day.

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/>

ATTENDANCE

Attendance has been excellent this week and on Tuesday our attendance was 92.7% and we haven't had any positive COVID cases this half term – which is a record in itself! Well done to Class 2 who had 100% this week!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Friday 11 th March	CAFOD Family Fast Day donations for the Ukraine, medicines, first aid etc.
Wednesday 16 th March	Tempest Photography – more information to follow
Friday 18 th March	Red Nose Day
Thursday 24 th March	'Special Person' (Mother's Day) Stall £1.50 per item
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.

Thank you for your continued support.



Mrs A. Howell
Headteacher



