

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER



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A word from Mrs Toner

I hope you had a lovely half term. It is good to feel the sunshine and the days getting longer as we fast approach springtime. As we move into the season of Lent this week, we remember that, in this Jubilee Year, our mission is to bring hope to those in our community who are in need through our acts of service. Each year group will engage in an activity to reach out to people in the community and bring them hope and joy – for example by serving tea and coffee at the Easter performance or sending Easter cards to retired priests and the elderly in our community. On Friday 4th April we will be taking part in CAFOD's 'The Big Walk' appeal to raise as much money as possible in a bid to help fight global poverty.

Please look out for your child's sponsor form which will come out in the coming weeks. I also invite you to say this prayer with the children each night.

Loving God,

Help us to work together
to share what we have
so that everyone has what they need.
Help us to build a better world
where each of us can become
the best person we can be.
Amen.



PTA News

On behalf of the PTA I would like to thank you for your amazing generosity before half term. We collected a total of 408kg of food for the Arnold foodbank who, as always, were so grateful to receive such an abundance of food and toiletries.

Well done also to those who won prizes at our first GSA Quiz before half term. Thanks to Mr Barfield for organising and to Fat Pizza who donated pizza for us to sell. We plan to run another quiz soon and hope that many more of you will be able to attend.

First Reconciliation

Please keep in your prayers the children who will receive the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time over the coming weeks. This is a big step for them as they journey towards receiving Jesus for the first time in communion on 21st June.

Free School Meals – are you entitled?

If your financial circumstances have changed recently, you might be able to claim for free school meals for your child. Please [visit this website](#) for an application form, or alternatively, call into the school office for a paper copy.

MP Visit to school

We were thrilled to welcome our MP, Michael Payne to school last Friday. Michael delivered an assembly to the children on the British value of democracy, after which the children asked him lots of interesting questions about life as an MP.

They gave him some challenge too – asking for his support on three key areas they are passionate about – parking around school, caring for our environment and the importance of play in the school curriculum. Michael was so impressed with the children across school and we hope to welcome him back very soon.

Also, as part of the day, we held our new School Parliament election. Many congratulations to the newly elected members and thanks to all the children who took part and delivered carefully planned and rehearsed speeches to their peers.



Dates for your diary

March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Saturday 8th/15th/22nd - First Reconciliation in Church - 11am• Monday 10th / Tuesday 11th - visit from Author Alice Harman• Monday 10th and Tuesday 18th - Road safety team in school• Monday 17th - Kingswood Trip meeting for Year 6 parents - 5pm• Tuesday 18th - Divergent Drama workshop in school for Reception and Year 1• Friday 21st - SEND Coffee Morning - 9-10am• Monday 24th - Musical Showcase - 3.45-5pm (all welcome, see invite in roundup email)• Tuesday 25th - Year 6 book look - 3.30pm-4.15pm• Wednesday 26th - Year 2 trip to White Post Farm• Thursday 27th - Year 3 Robin Hood drama workshop• Friday 28th - Reception Mother's Day Liturgy - 10am and 2pm• Monday 31st -Year 6 go to Kingswood Activity Centre until 2nd April• Monday 31st - Reconciliation Service in school, all welcome – 9.30am• Monday 31st - Year 4 Recording their Easter Song - full uniform please• Monday 31st - Book Look for Reception up to Year 5 - 3.30pm-4.15pm - an opportunity to view your children's books in their classrooms.
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tuesday 1st - Briars Trip meeting for Year 5 parents - 4pm• Wednesday 2nd - Year 2 to Church – Jubilee of Hope Pilgrimage• Thursday 3rd - Year 5 Easter Production - 2pm and 6pm• Friday 4th - Last day of term• Friday 4th - CAFOD Sponsored Walk for Lent – non-uniform day• 7th -21st - Easter Holidays• Tuesday 22nd - Return to school.

World Book Day

We had lots of fun celebrating World Book Day (WBD) yesterday – many thanks to Mrs Moore for organising such a great day and for wrapping all those books to enable every child to take home a new book yesterday!

For WBD this year across school, we are studying Wild Planet – a picture book that celebrates the life and work of Sir David Attenborough. This book serves to raise awareness and hope about the importance of 'rewilding' and restoring harmony to our planet. Our school theme for March is Creation. Each class are using the book as stimulus for creative writing, as it links to our Year of Service and Pilgrims of Hope mission. Children will be encouraged to look after our 'Common Home' and to be good stewards, by 'Loving Jesus in all we do'.

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