

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER



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A word from Mrs Toner

It is hard to believe we are already halfway through this half term with only three weeks till we break up for Easter! As always our mission during this season of Lent is to grow closer to God through prayer, fasting and giving to others. One of the ways the children will give to others is by reaching out to people in the community to bring them hope and joy for Easter.

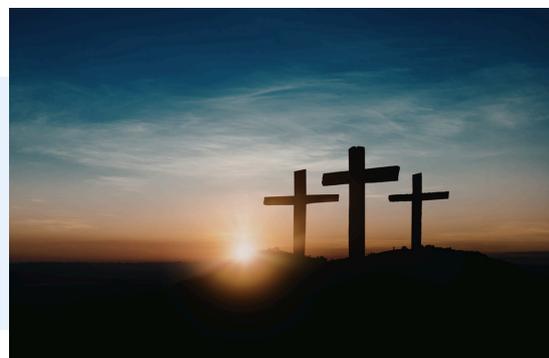
We will do this in lots of different ways – for example by supporting the PTA to serve tea and coffee at the Easter performance to sending Easter cards to retired priests and the elderly in our community.

As is tradition, all the children will come together on the last Monday of the term (23 March) to take part in CAFOD's 'Big Lent Walk' appeal to raise as much money as possible in a bid to help fight global poverty and provide clean water to everyone in our world. Please look out for your child's sponsor form which has been given to them today. If each child across school gets £10 that will be around £4500 raised. This year we are asking the children to dress in colourful clothes – the brighter the better. We want to provide a riot of colour on the park to show everyone passing by that we are celebrating the joy of Easter. You are all very welcome to come and join us to walk on the day – timetable below.

Best Wishes, Mrs Toner.

Monday 23 March - CAFOD walk timetable

- Nursery & Year 6: 9.15 to 10.15am
- Year 1 and Year 4 - 10.30-11.30am
- Reception & Year 5 - 1.15-2.15pm
- Year 2 and Year 3 - 2.20-3.20pm



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 380kg of food for the Arnold foodbank who, as always, were so grateful to receive such an abundance of food and toiletries.

In addition, I would like to thank the PTA for their fabulous Wonka bar stall on World Book Day. This created such a buzz from the children at the end of the day and raised an amazing £586.

Baby news

I'm delighted to let you know that Miss Clarke welcomed a beautiful baby boy called Alessio last Monday 2 March. Both mummy and baby are doing well and enjoying the newborn bubble.

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 13 June.

Year 6 visit to Parliament

A special mention to the children in Year 6 who represented our school so wonderfully on our visit to the Houses of Parliament last week. They conducted themselves with great maturity and asked such thoughtful and insightful questions to both the tour guides and MP, Michael Payne.

Special thanks also to our local MP Michael Payne and Caroline McCleary (one of our governors) who really did go out of their way to ensure the children had a truly memorable day. Hopefully some of our children were inspired to go into politics as their future career!



Dates for your diary

March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 13th: Reception Mother's Day Liturgy 10am (RAW) and 2pm (RMK)• 13th - KS1 OPAL Stay and Play 2.30pm onwards.• 14th/21st - First Reconciliation in Church 11am• 16th - Year 5 Briars Parent's meeting - 5pm school hall• 19th - Year 6 trip to the Curve Theatre, Leicester.• 20th - Year 4 recording Easter song - wear full uniform and bring PE kit.• 23rd - CAFOD Lenten Sponsored walk -non-uniform day... wear bright colours!• 24th - Year 3 Divergent Drama visit• 25th - Year 5 performance of Resurrection Rocks - 2pm and 6pm - all welcome, no tickets needed.• 26th - Year 2 trip to White Post Farm.• 27th - Last day of term. Easter Holidays.
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monday 13th - Back to school• 13th - 15th - Year 5 to the Briars.• 17th - PTA meeting, 9am, school hall.• 22nd - Book Look - see below.• 22nd - earth Day - more details to follow.

Book Look - Wednesday 22 April

Following on from parents' evening last week, you will have an opportunity to view your children's books in their classrooms on Wednesday 22 April - from 3.30 till 4.15pm - a great opportunity for your children to share with you, their learning so far this academic year.

Living Streets...Walk to school

Thanks so much to all of you who have embraced our walk to school campaign over the last few weeks. The children just love to tell their teachers each day that they have got to school by 'Park and Stride' - the landlady at The Arrow has never seen such a full car park! We have already seen a 40% increase in active journeys since we started the initiative.

To continue on our drive to protect our planet, the school council have been working with Mrs Shajpal to plan for Earth Day on 22 April. Look out for further information about this next week.

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