

Academy Newsletter

Friday 4th March 2022
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This week marks the start of a very special time in the Catholic calendar. We observed Ash Wednesday, which follows Shrove Tuesday and signals the start of Lent. I hope you all got to indulge in some yummy pancakes before the Lenten period, where we are now in a time of reflection and repentance. It was lovely to welcome Fr. Francis, from St Mary's Parish, who distributed the ashes to the pupils. He explained that the ashes come from burning palms used on Palm Sunday and told the children about Jesus fasting in the desert for 40 days and nights. Many of you may choose to give up an indulgence during Lent or you may start to do something which will help you grow in love for God and each other.

It was fantastic to see the children in such creative costumes for World Book Day on Thursday. I am sure it was one of the best turn outs yet. The pupils were all given a book token to get one of the specially selected £1 books for free so don't forget to take advantage of this. We have added a selection of photographs of the classes so you can see the excellent costumes.

With the terrible events happening in the news at the moment I have attached a news story from First News, which is written for children, that you may want to share with them. There is also an advice sheet entitled 'How to Talk to Children When the News is Scary' which might also be of use.



Thank You!

Thank you so much to those of you who donated items for the women and children of Ukraine, who are evacuating. I am assured that our donations on Monday made it to the lorries heading to the borders and there is another fantastic amount of donations being taken today.

May we continue to hold those involved in the conflict in our thoughts and our prayers.



Covid Update

Although there is no legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test, as an Academy we will make it our policy to follow the Government advice, by requiring pupils to stay at home for 5 full days and until they have received 2 negative tests on consecutive days (whilst these are still available).





Danny – Year 1

Nathan – Year 1

Chloe – Year 3

Soleil-Abigail – Year 4

Two's Day Success!

The PTA would like to sincerely thank everyone who contributed toward the "Two's Day" initiative with an incredible number of 2p, 20p £2 coins - and even £20 notes - piling up in every classroom! The total amount raised was £301.08, or £310.27 if you count the 'non-2' coins as well! It was a wonderful effort championed by Early Years and Year 3 who were the top fund raisers. Early Years raised £82.82 and Year 3 £72.48, but every penny (well, 2p!) counts, so many thanks to all. The next PTA initiative will run from the end of term and over the Easter holidays, so watch this space - and our weekly newsletter - for details of a really exciting new project!



Nursery	Maxwell
EYFS	Chelsey
Year 1	Ruby
Year 2	Oliver
Year 3	Imogen
Year 4	Emeli
Year 5	Leah
Year 6	Matthew

Outstanding Balances

Please ensure all your invoices/debts are paid from your account.



Many Thanks



Chromebooks

Chromebooks will be available to purchase throughout the autumn term. All orders take around 4 working days to process.

All purchases can be made through School Gateway.

If you have any further questions regarding the purchasing of Chromebooks, please email

admin@stpstp.co.uk



Red Nose Day



Red nose day is back on **Friday 18th March**. The House and Vice Captains have made the decision that everyone can come to school on this day wearing pyjamas or a onesie in exchange for making a donation of **£1** or **£2** for Comic Relief. The Captains will be selling red noses to the classes in the week leading up to Red Nose Day if your child would like to purchase one.

World Book Day



World Book Day Winners

Nursery – Stefan and Ayda , EYFS – Jenson and Isabella, Year 1 – Kane and Maya, Year 2 – Zach and Kianna
Year 3 – Jonny and Carys, Year 4 – Logan and Isla, Year 5 – Henry and Gwayne, Year 6 – Julian and Ada-Kate

Teachers Mr Rowe and Mrs Anderson



Citizens Course



Diary Dates

Please note the lists of dates below are subject to change and we encourage you to look each week for any changes.
Amendments are in **Blue** and Cancellations are in **Red**.

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Tuesday 8th March 2022	Year 6 Horniman Museum
Tuesday 8 th March 2022	Year 4 Free Range Assembly
Thursday 10 th March 2022	Year 3 Free Range Assembly
Tuesday 15 th March 2022	Year 5 Free Range Assembly
Thursday 17 th March 2022	Year 6 Free Range Assembly
Friday 18 th March 2022	Red Nose Day – Wear pyjamas or onesies.
Monday 21st March 2022	Enterprise Week TBC* Postponed
Tuesday 22 nd March 2022	Year 2 Free Range Assembly
Thursday 24 th March 2022	Year 1 Free Range Assembly
Thursday 31 st March 2022	Lower Key Stage 2 Easter Passion
Friday 1 st April 2022	Mass – Pupils only
Friday 1 st April 2022	Last day of term – Stars finish at 4.30pm

Seedlings Nursery

Places still available!

Please email the office for details and to secure your child's place

