



Our Lady's News

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'With God, all things are possible' (Mt 19.26)



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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now half way through the season of Lent. In assemblies and religious education lessons the children are learning about the season and what it means for our Catholic faith. The season of Lent is a Catholic liturgical season consisting of forty days of fasting, prayer and acts of charity, beginning at Ash Wednesday and ending on Holy Thursday (which falls on Thursday 6th April this year).

As well as giving the children different opportunities for prayer, such as the invitation to join friends from across the MAC at St Thomas More for the Stations of the Cross next Wednesday, we are undertaking a number of charitable events. You will have seen from the letter sent out earlier this week that we are supporting two charities throughout the season of Lent; Dougie Mac and Cafod. Thank you to those who have already given so generously.

Pupils in Year 4 spent a lovely morning at St Thomas More High School for their Lenten retreat. I know it is a few years before these children will be moving up to St Thomas More, but the retreat was a wonderful opportunity for them to experience what it is like at high school and to work with staff and students across the multi academy. (Photo below)

Throughout this week, we have been enjoying Science week. From tractors in KS1 to vertebrates in KS2, the children have enjoyed learning more about science and Early Years will be looking at spring next week, so I know parents will be enjoying the sunshine this weekend as they take the children on a beautiful spring walk.

Just a reminder that there is still time to apply for the role of Parent Governor. If you are interested, please contact the office and ask to speak to either Mrs Oakley, Mrs Lloyd or Mrs Smithson.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Oakley



SCHOOL MEMBER



MAC Lenten Retreat Yr4. 14.3.23 PIC COLLAGE



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DIARY DATES

16.01.23: Year 4 swimming lessons commence Monday afternoons at Fenton Manor Swimming Baths. Lessons end at Easter—last lesson Monday 26-03-23

21.03.23 & 23.03.23: Year 3 & Year 4 Stepping Out Pedestrian Awareness Scheme

29.03.23: Year 5 trip to Apedale Heritage Centre 9.30am to 3.15pm

31.03.23: Last day of Spring Term 2

03.04.23 to 14.04.23: School closed for Easter holiday.

17.04.23: School reopens for Summer Term 1

All the dates of this year's school terms and holiday dates can be found on our website <https://www.ourladyasca.org.uk/parents/term-dates>



Spring Term 2 2023

Mon 27th Feb to Fri 31st Mar 2023

Monday - Year 3 & Year 6

Tuesday - Nursery & Reception

Wednesday - Year 1 & Year 2

Thursday - Year Reception & Year 1

Friday - Year 4 & Year 5

P.E Timetables -

Children should continue to arrive in school wearing their P.E kits on the day of their lesson. Kit to be worn all day. Pupils should remove all jewellery (including earrings) prior to taking part in any physical activities.

Reporting pupil absence

May we remind Parents/Carers that they should notify the school when their child is absent. When leaving a message please state the child's full name, their year and give full details of why they will be absent. It is not enough to leave a message just stating they are unwell, we need to have the full details for the reason for their absence. Also if your child is absent due to sickness and diarrhoea then you should keep them at home for 48 hours following their last incident of being sick/having diarrhoea.

Many thanks

WRAPAROUND CARE—£2.00 per session

AM wraparound care club opens at 8am

PM wraparound care club runs until 4pm

Please book via careclubs@olca.org.uk by end of day, Thursday for the following week. Emails must state child's name(s), year group and which session (AM/PM) you require. You will be emailed back to confirm your booking. Payment must be provided by the end of the week at the latest. Wraparound care service will be withdrawn for any further bookings if payment is not received.

Please note that if you need to cancel any sessions you have booked then this must be done via email, before the sessions starts, otherwise you will be charged

May we remind you that pupils cannot be admitted to AM care until 8am.



Attendance

w/c 13-03-23

Class	Total Percentage
YN	100%
YR	95%
Y1	94%
Y2	94%
Y3	94%
Y4	93%
Y5	97%
Y6	94%

Cost of Break Sale items

Toast—30p

Milk— 24p

Juice—30p

Crumpet—40p

Teacake (half)- 40p



Headteacher: Mrs K Oakley

Chair of the Academy Committee: Mr P Williams

Email; office@olca.org.uk or headteacher@olca.org.uk

Designated Child Protection Officer: Mrs K Oakley

Child Protection Academy Rep: Mrs V Wareham

www.safeguardingchildren.stoke.gov.uk

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