

St Fidelis Catholic Primary School

2nd March 2023 Newsletter



CONDOLENCES

The school family was saddened to learn of the recent death of one of our parents, Samson Akinnawo. We would be grateful if everyone could remember the Akinnawo family: Kekeli, Anaiah, Talia and Zahara in their prayers at this time.



THANK YOU MRS BURGESS

This week we say goodbye to Mrs Burgess. Mrs Burgess has given more than 20 years of service to St Fidelis and has been a dedicated member of the support staff team. In recent years Mrs Burgess worked with our youngest children in the Nursery and we would like to thank her for the care and love she showed all of our children every day. We wish her a very happy retirement.



THANK YOU MRS HUGH-KONG

Mrs Hugh-Kong, one of our midday supervisors, is also leaving us this week. We are grateful for how Mrs Hugh-Kong has helped our children to enjoy safe and happy playtimes over the past few years. We are delighted that we will still be able to see Mrs Hugh-Kong when she helps us to cross safely outside school each day.

LENT - GET YOUR WALKING SHOES ON AND JOIN US!

On Saturday 18th March, we will be leading a 'Big Lent Walk' to raise money for CAFOD following the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. We are inviting parents to meet at the school to walk with their children from school to Erith Pier and back - the route we have planned is around 2 miles long. We really hope you can join us. Please note:

- Parents must accompany their child/children.
- 11:00am leaving time from school - we estimate the walk there and back will take around an hour.
- Sign up and donate via www.mychildatschool.com.
- Come prepared for the weather on the day!



WORLD BOOK DAY

We are celebrating world book day on Friday 3rd March. If you are around after school and would like to take a quick walk through the school to look at our decorated doors, please collect your child and then come round to the school office. Your child will take you on a guided tour!

SCHOOL DISCO

We will be holding a disco for KS2 children on Friday 24th March from 6pm until 8pm in the school hall. Tickets will cost £5 per child and all money raised will go to the School Fund. Ticket cost includes a drink and sweets and will be available for purchase via the My Child At School app.



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LENT - CAN YOU DO A LITTLE MORE?

As Lent continues, perhaps it's time to reflect on Pope Francis' words in his encyclical letter "Laudato Si" and consider what each of us can do to care for and protect the earth, our common home. Pope Francis reminds that it is God's gift to us, is full of beauty and wonder and it belongs to everyone. Mrs Whalley, our Religion leader, has suggested that we all try to do a little more for the world around us by using the chart below.



it's our  planet too

 Award chart for eco heroes 

Can you take care of our environment and help
make a difference to our planet?

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
I helped recycle	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I put litter in the bin	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I helped save water	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I helped save energy	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I walked or scooted	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I cared for our plants	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I went meat free	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I said no to more plastic	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

ASPIRATIONS DAY - FRIDAY 12TH MAY

Due to the great success of our previous Aspirations Days we will be hosting another one for our KS2 children on Friday 12th May. This will involve speakers from a variety of professions talking to small groups of children from KS2 and answering their questions. If you, or anyone you know is willing to offer their time on Friday 12th May from 1.00pm – 3.20pm this would be greatly appreciated and will have a massive benefit for our children. Please click on the link below to complete the Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/2AwREyPLvVZTNoRV8>

SAINTS DAYS

We were delighted to see so many children come dressed in their uniforms from groups they belong to outside of school for St David's Day today. Remember there are still opportunities to wear your group's uniform over the next few weeks: St Patrick (17.3.23), St George (23.4.23) - celebrated as red and white day on the 21.4.23 and St Andrew (30.11.23). Children who attend school in their group uniform will be awarded extra hours in their LOTS (Learning Outside the School) profile for St Fidelis University; this is in recognition of their commitment to their group.



READING CAFE

Our next session is on **Tuesday 28th March** at 8:50 - 9:15 am. We look forward to seeing you there.
Nursery afternoon session (pm) parents are able to attend a second session on the same dates at 12:30 pm.



STAY AND PLAY

Nursery parents are welcome to attend our stay and play sessions in Nursery. Our next session is on **Wednesday 8th March** at 8:30 - 9:30 am and then again at 12:30 - 1:15 pm.

NURSERY APPLICATIONS

If your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 and you would like to apply for a place at St Fidelis Nursery for September 2023, it is important that you submit your application (along with the supporting documents) to the school office by the closing date of Thursday 30th March 2023. Application form and information packs can be collected from the school office or alternatively this can all be found on our website.

The open mornings for admission to Nursery for September 2023 will take place at the following times:

- Friday 3rd March 9:30am
- Wednesday 22nd March 9:30am

SCHOOL CLUBS

School Clubs have now resumed. We still have the following spaces available

Mixed Football (Years 5-6)	Wednesday	15 spaces
Boxing Fun Fitness (Years 3-6)	Friday	7 spaces

If you would like to book, please use www.mychildatschool.com

ASSEMBLIES

Here is a list of all the class assemblies which we have this half term. Please note these are always on a Friday, starting promptly at 2:45pm. Parents are more than welcome to attend their child's class assembly which will be held in the school hall.

Friday 10th March	Year 1 Swans
Friday 17th March	Year 5 Kestrels
Friday 24th March	Year 6 Owls
Wednesday 29th March - 2:30pm	Kingfishers' Easter Reflection
Wednesday 30th March - 2:30pm	Penguins' Easter Reflection

ATTENDANCE

Children with diarrhoea or vomiting should be absent from school until 48 hours after symptoms have stopped and they are well enough to return. If medication is prescribed, please ensure that the full course is completed and there is no further diarrhoea or vomiting for 48 hours after the course is completed.



Yours sincerely,

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