



Dear Parents and Carers,

It was a busy half term month with Catholic Life events, new topics, parents’ evening and an array of sporting activities and this half term promises to be just as action packed. While the restrictions on Covid-19 may be lifting, at our school and indeed schools across the country, it is still playing a significant part in school life with many staff and children self-isolating throughout the month of January and into February. Thank you for your understanding and the cautions you are still taking for your children and families.

## **Catholic Life**

### **Bishop’s Spiritual Themes**

Lent Term – **Discipleship** - A disciple of Christ is to become like Christ in all we say and do – learning about Jesus through Scripture / Come and See and reflecting on how we can be like him. Being a disciple means we have to take time to get to know Jesus – through prayer, action, reaction and interaction.

**2nd March** – Ash Wednesday Mass, followed by confession for Year 4, 5 and 6

### **CAFOD’s Walk against Hunger campaign – April 1<sup>st</sup>**

Our school council have got together and decided for Lent that we would come to school in Sportswear and walk for CAFOD round the school field. Each year group will walk a different lap depending on which year they are in. For example, year 1 will walk 1 lap, year 2 will walk 2 laps and so on. If everyone donates £2 per child this will really help CAFOD’s walk against hunger campaign.

Walk against hunger campaign is to stamp out hunger and malnutrition in deprived communities overseas. There are 200 million children in the world whose lives are at risk from malnutrition.

## **Babies & Tots**

Babies and Tots restarted after the February half term. It was lovely to see the younger children have the opportunity to play together again in St John Fisher. Thanks to Mrs. King and Mrs. Dye for organizing this. Check out the Babies & Tots Facebook page for more information.

## **Clubs**

Some extracurricular after school clubs resumed this week. Again, it was great to see children have the opportunities to do gardening, play chess and dance in some of these clubs. Thank you to all our talented staff for offering these clubs to our children.

Clubs	What to wear/bring
Gymnastics	PE kit; Optional: Change into gym kit after school
Gardening	Warm coats; Wellingtons
Football	PE kit; Change into football kit after school
Chess	As per a normal school day
Computing	As per a normal school day
Dance	PE kit;



### **Class photos**

Class photos will take place on Monday February 28<sup>th</sup>. All children are to wear their full uniform on this day. If it is a PE day (Year 4 and 5), children must bring their PE kit in a separate bag which they will change into before their PE lesson.

### **Covid-19 – From government website**

Until 1 April 2022, the government still advises people who test positive to stay at home. Children and young people with COVID-19 should not attend their education setting while they are infectious. They should take an LFD test from 5 days after their symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) followed by another one the next day. If both these tests results are negative, they should return to their educational setting if they normally attend one, as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature.

### **Parentmail**

While a new management information system is put in place, Parentmail will no longer be used at our school. In the meantime, keep up to date by: class dojo, your direct email, paper copies, our school website or twitter.

### **Careers week 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> March**

From the moment each pupil enters SJF we encourage a sense of aspiration and calling. We know that each child is called to take up a special place in the world and it is our job to ensure that every child has high personal aspirations. We achieve this through giving our children the opportunity to find out about a range of careers from different volunteers from the World of Work throughout their time at SJF. Each year group has been allocated a different sector for this week, we would like to invite a different volunteer into school to talk to the children about their job.

Reception	Emergency services	Police, fire, ambulance
Year 1	Animals	Farmer, vet, veterinary nurse, Animal trainer or groomer
Year 2	Food and leisure	Chef, sports coach/personal trainer. Hairdresser/beauty therapist.
Year 3	Healthcare	Nurse, doctor, lab technician, physiotherapist, dentist
Year 4	Legal and financial services	Banker/accountant, solicitor/barrister
Year 5	Construction and manufacturing	Builder, mechanic, plumber, electrician, engineer
Year 6	Creative	Graphic designer, architect, publisher/journalist



If you would be willing to volunteer to come into school and speak to the children about your career or know of a willing volunteer, then please let your child's class teacher know or email the school office ([office@stjohnfisher-wigston.leics.sch.uk](mailto:office@stjohnfisher-wigston.leics.sch.uk)) about your availability during this week. Thank you for your support.

God bless,

Mr Gallagher

## **DATES FOR THE DIARY – all dependent on the situation at the time**

Feb 28 <sup>th</sup>	Class photos
	Leicester Tigers Tag Rugby coaching Year 4 & 5 for 5 weeks
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	St. David's Day
	Balance Bikes begins for Reception Children (5 weeks)
Mar 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9 a.m. Ash Wednesday Mass
Mar 3 <sup>rd</sup>	WORLD BOOK DAY – Dress as a book character
	2.30 p.m. R/Y1/Y2 parents reading session
	4 p.m. Boys' football @ Aylestone
Mar 4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 & 4 resume swimming
Mar 7 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup>	Careers Week
Mar 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5/6 Netball matches
Mar 14 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup>	British Science Week
March 16 <sup>th</sup>	Last Gymnastic club
March 17 <sup>th</sup>	St Patrick's Day
	Year 5/6 Netball matches
March 21 <sup>st</sup>	Last week of clubs (Gardening, Chess, Dance, Computing)
Mar 24 <sup>th</sup>	Sportshall Athletics Finals (SJF representing East Leicester)
	4 p.m. Girls' football @ Aylestone
March 29 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 liturgy – Parents' welcome
Mar 31 <sup>st</sup>	4 p.m. Boys' football @ Aylestone
April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Walk for Hunger CAFOD fundraiser – Non-uniform day £2 donation
April 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m. Stations of the Cross