

Dear Parents and Carers,

Industrial action is taking place on Wednesday 1st February, however St John Fisher will remain open for all pupils on this day. Please send your children to school as normal. Some of the children may not be taught by their usual teacher but they will be supervised in their classes in a safe and secure environment.

Please be aware that each strike day (there are three more planned which could affect St John Fisher) will be dealt with individually and you will receive updates about other strike days nearer their planned time.

St Thomas Aquinas Feast Day Preparations

Last week, as a Trust, we have been preparing to celebrate the Feast Day of St Thomas Aquinas. Throughout the week, each class watched video clips about ordinary people who were called to be saints and reflected on the different virtues of temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice, which they needed throughout their lives.

This preparation will culminate in the Trust coming together in person and online to share Mass together on Tuesday 31st January 2023 at 1pm. To access this Mass, click on the following link. <https://youtu.be/8pDOCHEToJ>

Presentation of the Lord Mass

There will be a Mass at 9.30am in the school hall on Thursday – all welcome.

Eco-committee report January 2023

After lots of hard work over the Advent term, we have finally completed our action plan for our Eco-schools Green flag award. The three topic areas we have chosen to work on are, Waste, Transport and Energy and we hope that with your support, we can make a difference to our world.

The first thing we are going to ask for your help with is cutting down on the amount of waste that goes to landfill. We have started collecting some hard-to-recycle things which will be collected from school by a local charity. We are collecting toothbrushes and toothbrush packaging, toothpaste tubes, crisp wrappers, ink-jet cartridges and all sorts of pens, highlighters and board markers. The eco-committee will be helping to sort out the different materials ready for collection and helping to keep the school updated with progress.

In addition, we are also signed up for the Big Battery hunt. We are in competition with other schools across the country to collect as many batteries as possible and so far we have collected 840 batteries. We know of a school that has collected 7000 so we have a way to go!



For the topics of Transport and Energy, we have a few ideas to put into place for the rest of the year so watch this space.

Mr Smith and the Eco-team



Parents' evening

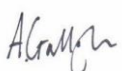
Parents' evening will be held on 14th and 16th February 2023.

Please see attached guide which will help you to book your slot. Please use the link at the top of the guide which will enable you to start the process. As of the 30th January, 55% of slots have been booked. The vast majority of slots are face-to-face with an option for some virtual appointments on Thursday. You will receive a monitoring sheet with your child's attainment and progress beforehand.

Parent Reading Volunteers Wanted!

We need your help! We are looking for some adult volunteers to come into school to read with our wonderful children. All volunteers will be given guidance and training in school, so if you have never volunteered before - come and give it a try! We know how much both the adults and the children enjoy these sessions. If you are able to volunteer some of your time on a regular basis – even if it is just for one hour a week or fortnight – please talk to your child's class teacher or contact the office.

God bless,





Mr Gallagher

Dates For the Diary

January

31st St Thomas Aquinas Feast Day (Patron Saint of our Trust)
Theme: Ordinary people called to be Saints

February

2nd 9.30 a.m. Mass – Presentation of the Lord
12.30 p.m. Cross country races at Victoria Park
7th Internet Safety Day
9th Boys’ football team – Division 1 fixtures
10th PTFA Movie Night
Target reports sent home before Parents’ evening
14th 9 a.m. Year 1 class liturgy
Parents’ evening
15th Reception and Year 6 Heights and Weights measurements
Year 6 Dentist check
16th Girls’ football team – Division 1 fixtures
Parents’ evening

HALF TERM Feb 20th – 24th

JULY 2023

Year 6 Crich Briars Residential – **Wednesday 5th July – Friday 7th July 2023**