



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week marks the end of an era for a much loved and respected colleague here at St John Fisher. Mrs Moloney has decided to change roles and relinquishes deputy headship, RE subject lead and full time class duties. We are delighted that she remains as a part time teacher in the Pentecost (summer) term for the Year 4 class.

Mrs Moloney is in her 25th year of teaching at St John Fisher and was also a past pupil so a real stalwart and steward of the school, and the school's traditions and culture.

Her love for teaching, her sensitivity for those who needed help, her pleasant and helpful manner always, excellent teaching capabilities and her commitment to passing on the highest standards to her pupils are among her fine qualities. For colleagues, Mrs Moloney had an open door policy with generous advice and encouragement, and had a particular skill at mentoring student teachers who went on to become fine teachers themselves.

On behalf of everyone I would like to thank Mrs Moloney for her tremendous input to the lives of so many children and to the work and development of the school.

Staffing next term

Year 2 Mrs Jones (Mon-Thurs) Mrs Gallagher (Fri)

Year 4 Mrs Moloney (Mon-Tues) Mrs Durning (Wed - Fri)

Catholic Life

Easter services

St Mary's, St John Bosco and St. Edward's

Holy Thursday 6:45pm, Reception of Holy Oils at St. Mary's

Holy Thursday 7pm, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Mary's

Holy Thursday After Mass Until Midnight, Watching with Christ at the Altar of Repose at St. Mary's

Good Friday 3pm, Celebration of the Lord's Passion at St. Mary's

Holy Saturday Evening 8pm, The Easter Vigil at St. Mary's

Easter Sunday 9am, Mass at St. Edward's

Easter Sunday 11am, Mass at St. John Bosco

Immaculate Conception and St Thomas More

Thursday 6th April

The Season of Lent closes...



Vigil Mass of the Sacred Triduum
7.00pm Knighton: Mass of the Lord's Supper
watching until 10.45pm Night Prayer

GOOD FRIDAY 7th April (First Day of the Sacred Triduum)
9.00am Knighton – Office of Readings and Morning Prayer
10.30am Knighton – Children's Stations of the Cross
3.00pm Knighton – Commemoration of the Death and Passion of Our Lord
3.00pm Oadby – Commemoration of the Death and Passion of Our Lord
7.00pm Knighton – Stations of the Cross
7.00pm Oadby – Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY 8th April (Second Day of the Sacred Triduum)
9.00am Knighton Office of Readings and Morning Prayer
Church is open for private prayer and reflection until 3.00pm
After 3.00pm the Church is prepared for Easter

EASTER DAY (Third Day of the Sacred Triduum)
Saturday 8th April
8.00pm Knighton Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday 9th April
9.00am Knighton Easter Day Mass
11.00am Oadby Easter Day Mass

Chaplaincy Team

During Lent, chaplains led lunchtime prayer sessions in the prayer corner around the theme of Lent, where children could write a Lenten promise or write a personal prayer and Mrs Johnson led the Friday meditation sessions for children and staff. Thank you to our wonderful chaplains and of course to Mrs Johnson too.

The Big Lent Walk – Cafod – 17th March

At the beginning of Lent, we signed up for The Big Lent walk and each child had to walk 1 kilometre. We walked each day through Lent as part of our active mile. Whilst we walked we thought of those less fortunate.

On St Patrick's day, we had a celebration event to mark the occasion with children coming in their house colours and walking the remainder of their kilometre. We raised £152.20. Thank you to everyone for your generosity.

CAFOD visit

On Thursday 23rd, Will and Chuks from CAFOD came in to tell us how the money that was raised by our children for CAFOD (The DEC Earthquake appeal and The Big Lent Walk) would be spent and the positive impact this would have on the lives of others.

Throughout the day, Will and Chuks spoke to children about why we fundraise and how it is linked to Catholic Social Teaching.



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.

Calling Catholic Teachers – today!

Do you know somebody who is a practising Catholic and who is a teacher or senior leader working in a school outside of the Catholic sector? The Diocese of Nottingham along with the Catholic Multi-Academy Trusts is leading a virtual information session about working in a Catholic school on Wednesday 29 March from 7.00pm – 8.30pm.

For further information, please contact: Julie Sweeney at the Diocesan Education Service (julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk).

Foundation governors

We are looking for practising Catholics who want to support Catholic education by becoming Foundation Governors at St John Fisher CVA. You may know of someone else too who may be interested – please inform them!



You can contact our Chair of Governors, Mrs Helen Ladkin, for more details/information about this vital role - helen.ladkin@stjohnfisher-wigston.leics.sch.uk

You can also visit the [Nottingham diocese](#) for more information and application forms – thank you.

Start of the school day

It is important that children arrive at school on time. The gates open at 8.30am, all children should be in school by 8.40am. Reception parents are able to walk their children to class at 8.40am. School gates will be locked by 8.45am.

New Gate System

Over the Easter holidays, a new security operated gate will be installed whereby access will be gained via intercom. This is being installed to add extra security to our school and pupils.

Sport and exercise

It has been a busy few weeks, regarding sport at St John Fisher.

Netball

The year 6's took part in the mixed East Leicester Primary Netball League Netball tournament at Crown Hills Community College. They played two rounds across two nights against 6 other schools. The pupils all had lots of fun and developed their netball skills and knowledge. Winning five of their group matches, they all did a great job. With little practice they won 5, drew 3, lost 4.

Tag rugby

The Leicester Tigers have been coming into school over the last term delivering the NBS Beehive Tag Rugby programme to the year 3's,4's and 5's. As a result, we were invited to participate in a mixed year 3 and 4 tag rugby festival. This was a lovely afternoon, where the children put all of their rugby skills in to practice against lots of other schools around Leicestershire. Both teams did extremely well and had great results throughout. Well done to all who took part.



Football

This year, the girl's year 5/6 football team has been competing at Aylestone in league fixtures. With the league coming to a close, we are extremely happy to announce that the girls have finished 2nd in their league – division 1. This has booked them a spot in the final! The final league positions came right down until the very last round and the very last blow of the whistle. The girls have shown huge determination and motivation throughout. Congratulations to all those involved so far!

Cross country

Congratulations to Brooke and Ioan who were selected to compete for the Leicestershire Cross Country team at the National Finals held on Saturday 25th March 2023 at Prestwold Hall. A tremendous achievement!

Eco-Committee update

The Eco-committee are delighted with how many batteries have been collected for The Big Battery Hunt. Each week we are busy counting them and adding them to our total and we are thrilled that so far we have collected 2190 batteries. Keep sending them in and we'll be well on the way to catching the school that has collected 7000!

We have also been busy sorting out crisp packets for recycling and now have 2 black bags full ready to be collected. It's surprising how many crisps are eaten at school. We found our collection bin was too small so we've had to change it for a bigger one! If you are sending empty bags from home, that's great but please do not send nut bags as we are a nut free school and when we are sorting them, there are often fragments of nuts left in the bags. Thank you for your understanding.



Our collection of toothpaste tubes and toothbrushes is growing slowly and at least one member of staff has to constantly remind his other half not to throw them in the rubbish bin. Keep saving them and sending them in so we can do our bit to prevent them going to landfill.

A big thank you to everyone who supported Earth Hour. Some children in KS2 had to write a diary of their experiences during Earth Hour and we have heard of "fun" with candles in at least one household. We're looking forward to reading some of the diary entries and seeing how we as a school have tried to raise awareness of global warming and the need to conserve energy.

After Easter we are looking forward to welcoming The Leicestershire Wombles to come and talk about the problem of litter and help us do a litter pick around our school and local area.

Thank you for all your support in making our school a greener place to learn.

Easter Egg Donations! – Message from the PTFA

We will be running an Easter hunt at school again this year and are looking for donations of the small size Easter Eggs (120g - 150g, usually priced around £1) so that all children can be given one.

Please send your eggs into school by tomorrow morning as they will be distributed on Friday. If you would like to donate instead of sending eggs so that we can purchase on your behalf, the PTFA bank account details are: NATWEST, St John Fisher PTFA, Sort Code: 010634, Account number: 50675443. Please include reference of 'Easter'.

If we receive more eggs than we need, they will be donated to the local food banks.

Have a lovely Easter break everyone.

God bless,

Mr Gallagher



DATES FOR THE DIARY

March

Morning everyone,

A few reminders of the week ahead

Mar 30 th	9 a.m. Stations of the Cross (All welcome) Sportshall Athletics Finals (SJF representing East Leicester) p.m. Yr4/5/6 confessions
Mar 31 st	Easter Egg Hunts Last day of term

Donations for Easter Eggs are still welcome! By Thursday at the latest.

Easter Holidays 3rd – 14th April

Apr 17 th	Back to school
Apr 25 th 28 th	Year 3 Toplink Festival at St. Paul's (Information sent on Arbor) Wombles in Leicestershire Assembly
May 2 nd	Year 4 Toplink Festival at St. Paul's (information sent on Arbor)

May 2023

May 19th – Interhouse sports day

June 2023

- June 6th – Year 5 Competitive Sports Festival at St Paul's
- June 20th – Year 6 Competitive Sports Festival at St Paul's
- June 21st – KS1 Sports day
- June 28th – KS2 Sports day

July 2023

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

