



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to March's newsletter.

Thank you again to everyone for the DEC appeal. Final figure for SJF was £439.70 raised which is inspiring. Across the trust, thousands and thousands of pounds has been raised.

I was so proud of our Year 6 children in particular who led the way with fundraising campaign and whose words of persuasion, empathy and compassion were recently used in a letter by the CEO to all families in the trust.

Thank you to all families for what you were able to give.

Catholic Life

Lent

Please see attached letter from Mrs Moloney.

Chaplaincy Team

During Lent the chaplaincy team will be holding weekly mediations sessions at lunchtime for all children. There will also be opportunities for the children to use our prayer area to come and say any personal prayers they have during lunchtimes in Lent.

The Big Lent Walk – Cafod – 17th March

As a school we have signed up for The Big Lent walk. We will be walking each day through Lent as part of our active mile. Whilst walking we will be thinking of those less fortunate.

Our school council have got together and decided for Lent that we would come to school in house colours with a dash of red 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 £1 per child this will really help CAFOD's walk against hunger campaign. Cash on the day or via the Arbor school shop are the method of donations – thank you in advance for generosity.

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.

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

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](https://www.nottinghamdiocese.org.uk) for more information and application forms – thank you.

World Book Day

Once again, it was lovely to see the children in their amazing World Book Day costumes. It was also wonderful to hear their excited chatter about their favourite characters and favourite books. We had a singing assembly with a book theme, paired readers – older children with children, teacher swap story time and parent reading sessions in Reception and KS1.

Thank you to everyone for entering into the fun of World Book Day. It is wonderful to see SJF pupils share their love of reading!



Reminders – No nuts in school / Water in water bottles

A polite reminder that there should only be water in water bottles and no nuts including chocolate spread with nuts, or anything containing this e.g. prepacked pancakes with chocolate spread and hazelnuts. If sending sweets with children to give as birthday treats, ensure that they have no nuts as well e.g. snickers.

Thank you.

Whole class reading books

There will be new books being read and explored for the rest of the year.

Next term, KS2 will be reading the following books as part of whole class reading.

Year 3: The Accidental Prime Minister

Year 4: The Polar Bear Explorer's Club

Year 5: When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit

Year 6: Wonder

If you have any copies of these or would like to buy a copy for your child, that would be useful along with the half-sets we have in school.

Sport and exercise**Netball**

Well done to the netball team who played last night at Crown Hills registering 2 wins and a draw!

Balance ability



Always a highlight in Reception is when Mrs Pinel arrives with a wagonload of bikes to teach our youngest how to cycle – whether as a complete beginner or improver, the children make great progress in this important life skill.

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 starting from next week. 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.

God bless,

Mr Gallagher



DATES FOR THE DIARY

February

Mar 7 th	Yr 1 & 5 Fire Service visit
Mar 8 th	Year 4 Goals competition
Mar 9 th	9.30 a.m. Lenten Mass followed by confessions
Mar 16 th	Boys' football @ Aylestone 2.45 p.m. Y1 Phonics info meeting for parents (Learning Lounge)
Mar 17 th	St Patrick's Day Charity Fundraising Day (The Big Lent Walk) £1 donation Non school uniform – House colours with a dash of red!
Mar 21 st	9 a.m. EYFS liturgy 2.45 p.m. Year 2 SATS info meeting for parents (Learning Lounge)
Mar 23 rd	World Maths Day 2.45 p.m. Y4 Multiplication times tables info meeting for parents (Learning Lounge)
Mar 24 th	4 p.m. Girls' football @ Aylestone
Mar 27 th	6- 8.30 p.m. SJF'S GOT TALENT NIGHT
Mar 28 th	Bike ability for Year 6 (full week)
Mar 28 th	9 a.m. Year 5 liturgy
Mar 30 th	9 a.m. Stations of the Cross
Mar 30 th	Sportshall Athletics Finals (SJF representing East Leicester)
Mar 31 st	Last day of term

May 2023

May 19th – Interhouse sports day

June 2023

June 21st – Ks1 Sports day

June 28th – KS2 Sports day

July 2023

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

