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WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

We are holding our second progress meetings for teachers and parents on 14th March in school. These will begin at 1 pm and an opportunity to find out how your child is doing and have a look at some of their work. Please ensure you complete and return the reply slip. If you are unable to make that date, please speak to your child's class time to arrange a mutually convenient time.

On Wednesday there is the second meeting for parents for those children preparing to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. This will take place in Sacred Heart Parish Centre between 6pm and 7pm. This meeting is not for children but there is an expectation one parent attends.

On Thursday this week we welcome Mrs Tibble into school. She is our Director of Performance and Standards and will be carrying out a deep dive into computing. This will include meeting with Miss Lindo our computing subject lead, visiting lessons, chatting with the children about their computing lessons and what they know about staying safe online and also chatting with teachers about our computing curriculum. As always follow us on Twitter [@elseacademy](https://twitter.com/elseacademy) for the latest news and photos

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY AND FAMILY MASS

On Friday we join with lots of other people in participating in Family Fast Day. We are allowing the children to come dressed in non-school uniform in return for £1 donation. This money will be shared between Cafod's Lent Walk for Hunger campaign and their Ukraine appeal.

On Sunday we are leading the parish in Mass at 11:30am. All children are invited to sit at the front of church and some of those will lead the Scriptures, prayers and reflections. Please arrive from 11:15am and wear school uniform.

UKRAINE APPEAL

Lots of people in our school community, children, staff and families have approached me wishing to support the people of Ukraine during this distressing and difficult time they are going through. I am sure you have seen lots of appeals for essentials to support those remaining in Ukraine and those fleeing to other countries including Poland.

We have a collection box in our entrance which we would like to fill with those essentials, - toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, hairbrushes, combs, nappies, baby wipes, baby food, plasters, bandages. We have a collection box in reception to drop any items in to Thank you to those parents who have agreed to collect and send on our behalf.



WORD OF THE WEEK: FORGIVENESS



Prayer is something that can be really hard to understand, let alone do. Sometimes it comes naturally but usually it's something we forget about and don't find time for. Prayer is simply a chat with God and you don't need to use the right words, you don't even need to use any words, you just need to put aside some time to be with God. It's amazing what a difference a few minutes a day can make - try it for yourself this week!

Daily Breakfast Club 7:45-8:45	EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	
Monday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Handball (Year 4, 5 and 6)	3:15 - 4:30
Tuesday Breakfast Club	Music Tuition TB Sport: Dodgeball (Year 1,2 and 3)	All day 3:15 - 4:30
Wednesday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Fitness (Year 1,2 and 3)	3:15 - 4:30
Thursday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Tennis (Year 4, 5 and 6)	3:15 - 4:30
Friday Breakfast Club	No afterschool provision	

ATTENDANCE SHOUT OUTS!!

Our Education Welfare Officer, Mrs Bradshaw, monitors attendance daily and continues to make home visits to support parents to ensure their child attends school regularly and on time. This week Mrs Bradshaw said:

Whole school attendance for last week was an incredible 97.3%! Well done to every student who came to school every day! The winners for last week's attendance goes to..... Year 3 with 100%!!! CONGRATULATIONS Year 3!! An extremely close 2nd were classes Year 6 and Year 5 with 98.8%!! And also a very close 3rd was Year 4 with 98.7%!!!!- Absolutely amazing!!

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

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Week beginning:	School Event	Assemblies/Services	After School
03.01.22		07.01.22 Mass to celebrate Feast of Epiphany	EXTENDED SERVICES CLUBS BEGIN
10.01.22	13.01.22 Year 6 Retreat afternoon - Discipleship	10.01.22 Word of the Week Assembly - Discipleship 14.01.22 Celebration Assembly	
17.01.22	20.01.22 Feast of Blessed Cyprian Tansi	17.01.22 Word of the Week Assembly - Inspire 21.01.22 Talent Show Auditions	
24.01.22	27.01.22 Year 5 Retreat afternoon - Discipleship	24.01.22 Word of the Week Assembly - Challenge 28.01.22: Talent Show Final	
31.01.22	03.02.22 Year 4 Retreat afternoon - Discipleship	31.01.22 Word of the Week Assembly - Care 04.02.22: Celebration Assembly	
07.02.22	08.02.22 Safer Internet Day 10.02.22 OLoL Trust Mass 10.02.22 Year 3 Retreat - Discipleship 11.02.21 INSET Day	07.02.22 Word of the Week Assembly - Healing 08.02.22 Safer Internet Day Assembly 09.02.22 Achiever of the Half Term Assembly	
14.02.22	HALF TERM		
21.02.22		21.02.22 Word of the Week Assembly - Mercy 25.02.22: Celebration Assembly	23.02.22 – 25.02.22 Briars Residential Year 6
28.02.22	03.03.22 Year 2 Retreat afternoon 04.03.22 World Book Day	28.02.22 Word of the Week Assembly - Forgiveness 02.03.22 Ash Wednesday Mass	
07.03.22		07.03.22 Word of the Week Assembly - Prayer 07.03.22 Lent Reconciliation Service Year 4- 6 11.03.22 Celebration Assembly	
14.03.22	14.03.22 British Science Week 17.03.22 Year 1 Retreat afternoon	14.03.22 Word of the Week Assembly – Fasting 18.03.22 Celebration Assembly	14.03.22 Parents Evening 1:15-6:30pm
21.03.22	21.03.22 Assessment Week 25.03.22 World Maths Day	21.03.21 Word of the Week Assembly - Almsgiving	
28.03.22	28.03.22 Road Safety Quiz	28.03.22 Word of the Week Assembly – Sacrifice 01.04.22 Achiever of the Half Term Assembly	

PUPIL VOICE

On Friday we celebrated World Book Day in school. The children had the choice to wear their pyjamas to school or come dressed as their favourite character. We gathered together in the hall and held a catwalk where the children could show off their costumes. Class teachers chose the child with the most original costume. **Well done to Beverley, Elizabeth, Janice, Nikodem, Seth, Andzelika, Caitlyn and Maia M.** The pupil librarians worked with Miss Greenwood and set a competition to create a new character. There were some wonderful drawings and 3D models made from lots of different materials. The librarians had the tricky choice of choosing their favourite. **Well done to Piotr, Rozalia, Oliver, Amelia, Seth, Antonio, Aidan and Joshua.** Thank you to all the parents for your support.



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PARISH NOTICES:

St Patrick's Night: starring Brendan O'Brian at Sacred Heart Community Centre, Friday 11th March doors open at 7 pm tickets £5 each - still a few tickets available from Sacred Heart Church after Mass this weekend.

Lenten Lunch: Soup & roll at Our Lady & St Edward's Café on Friday 11th March from 12 noon. All welcome, come and join us.

First Holy Communion – parents meeting. Wednesday 9th, 6 – 7 at Sacred Heart Community Centre. All parents with children on the programme must attend – no children should come.

Altar servers: Fr Liam will be leading a training session on Friday 11th, 1.45 pm at Sacred Heart Church. If you want to be part of this, let him know. Letters are going out through Sacred Heart school too.

Sister Bernadette: we say goodbye to Sister Bernadette this week who will be moving from St Augustine's to Market Harborough in Leicestershire. We would like to thank her for the fifteen years she has been present in our Community and we will all keep her in our prayers as she moves on to pastures new.

Covid Restrictions

In the light of the recent removal of all legal restrictions of the pandemic, individual organisations still have to decide on guidelines, so;

Holy Water will be restored at the doors of our churches.

Mask wearing is no longer required, but if you are not vaccinated or have underlying health conditions, it is recommended for your own safety. Anyone is welcome to continue wearing a mask if they wish. Personal choice should be respected. Anyone distributing Holy Communion will wear a mask.

Holy Communion will continue to be under one kind only and for the sake of dignity, you are asked to receive on the hand, not tongue.

Hand sanitiser will continue to be provided at the doors of our churches. It is not required to be used by those coming up to read, but sacristans, altar servers and those distributing Holy Communion are still asked to use it before handling the sacred vessels.

Ventilation of our churches will continue.

Sign of Peace will continue to be offered; it is personal choice whether that is a gesture or handshake.

If you have symptoms of Covid or have tested positive, please do not come to church. We have a duty of care to those who are vulnerable.

Mass intentions: If you ask for a Mass to be said for someone who has died, please indicate on the envelope that this is the case. Please only use the pre-printed envelopes to submit Mass intentions, as they prompt you to complete all the information we need. At least a month's notice is needed if a specific date is requested and we cannot guarantee that the request can be fulfilled – the Mass may be said on the nearest available date. It is not possible for the office to let you know when a Mass you have requested is being said – please simply keep an eye on the weekly bulletin.

Our Lady & St Edward's Summer Fair: the date is set for Saturday 16th July (mark your diary) therefore we are holding a planning meeting on Tuesday 22nd March at 7 pm in OLSE Café to discuss stalls and any other ideas. All welcome.

This week:

Scripture Group: at Our Lady & St Edward's Café on Wednesday 9th March at 2-3 pm focussing on; Lk 9:28-36 • Scripture Group: Sacred Heart Thursday 10th March in St Bernadette's room attached to Sacred Heart Church at 2 pm, This week's Gospel Reading: Lk 9:28-36

Meditation Group: next meeting is via zoom on Thursday 10th March Meeting ID: 517630879 Passcode: 6em01w at 7.30 pm.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/517630879?pwd=UysvOEIKSTBkVHIiNMWtMRDdkMEpUZZ09> • Community Café: Thursday 10th March at 1.30 pm in the Sacred Heart Community Centre - everyone welcome.

Diane, our Community Coordinator: is on leave this week, so the office will not be staffed at all times and phone messages will be dealt with when time permits.

Cafod Lent Fast Day: This weekend, we will give out envelopes. We are all encouraged to fast on Friday 11th and then there will be a second collection next weekend for the work of Cafod.

Live Simply: next weekend, at each Mass a member of the Cafod Live Simply group based at OLSE will speak about what they do and encourage us all to follow this Cafod campaign.

Lent in Holy Family Parish

Lent is a season of preparation for Easter. We are invited to pray, fast and give. **Pray;** find time each day or week to simply sit with God, pray the rosary, visit the Stations of the Cross **Fast;** in solidarity with the poor, we think about something we like that we could do without **Give;** maybe support Cafod, give to Emmanuel House, support our local foodbanks.

Stations of the Cross

Sacred Heart: Wednesdays 2.15 – 3pm. 9th 16th, 23rd 30th March 6th April

Our Lady & St Edward's: Fridays 2.15 – 3pm. 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th March. 1st, 8th April

St Augustine's: Fridays 7.00pm. 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th March. 1st, 8th April

Lenten reflection evenings

Christian meditation evening - Wednesday 23rd March. 7-8pm. St Augustine's.

Taize prayer evening. Tuesday 29th March. 7 – 8pm. Our Lady & St Edward's.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: *Opportunities to go to Confession. Several priests available, just pop in anytime*

Monday 21st March 3 – 5 Our Lady & St Edward's

Tuesday 22nd March 3.30 – 5.30 St Augustine's

Wednesday 23rd March 3 – 5 Sacred Heart.

Monday 11th April. 7-8.00pm. **Reconciliation Service Sacred Heart.**

Usual times of Confessions:

Saturdays 7.15pm Sacred Heart. Thursdays 10.30am St Augustine's Fridays 9.30am Sacred Heart and Our Lady & St Edward's.

Easter Flower Workshop: Learn to arrange flowers for your Easter table. We are holding a workshop on Wednesday 13th April at 7pm in Our Lady & St Edward's café. £10 per person. No skills are needed, just interest to learn. Flowers and sundries included, please bring foliage and scissors/secateurs. Booking required. Please call Yvonne 9522929/07921912326 or Sadie 9113117 to book or for more information or contact the office.

Eucharistic Ministers and SVP: over the next few weeks, Fr Liam is available to visit the housebound if they want Confession. Please let him know if this is the case. As always, if the housebound need a pastoral visit for Confession or Anointing, let the parish office know.



LENT IN SCHOOL

We started our Lenten journey celebrating Mass together in church on Ash Wednesday. Thank you to Joshua, Maia and Zia from our Chaplaincy Team who distributed ashes, Adebayo, Precious, Annastasia, Thomas and Sada, some of our parish ambassadors who served & our Year 5 children who led us in prayer, scripture & song!



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This afternoon some members of our Chaplaincy Team will lead Year 4,5 and 6 in a service of Reconciliation and there will be there opportunity for the children to receive the Sacrament too.

Some members of the Chaplaincy Team will also lead the school and parish in the Stations of the Cross each Friday in church beginning at 2:15pm.

Each class has chosen a charity they would like to support during Lent. These are:

EYFS: Guide dogs for the blind

Year 1: Cancer Research UK

Year 2: UNICEF Ukraine appeal

Year 3: Cancer Research

Year 4: Cancer Research UK

Year 5: Team Seas

Year 6: Disaster Emergency Committee

MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR

ALL MASSES IN BOLD ARE LIVE STREAMED

Monday 7 th March Ss Perpetua & Felicity	9am (OLSE) 9am (SH)	MASS Mary Dinnie RIP Fr Eamonn O'Hara RIP (anniv)
Tuesday 8 th March St John of God	10am (SA)	MASS Intentions of the Ridge family
Wednesday 9 th March St Frances of Rome	9.30 (SH) 9.15 (OLSE)	MASS Thanksgiving – birth of Theodore Perte Anh Duc Tran
Thursday 10 th March	10am (SA)	MASS Roger & Mary Wilson
Friday 11 th March Cafod Lent Fast Day	9am (OLSE) 9am (SH)	MASS Forgotten souls RIP Jan Rivers RIP
Saturday 12 th March	6:30pm (SH)	VIGIL MASS Conlon family's intentions
Sunday 13 th March Second Sunday of Lent	8:45 (St C) 9.30am(OLSE) 10.00am (SH) 11.00am (SA) 11:30am (OLSE)	MASS Eamonn Keating RIP Ethel Rooney RIP Martin Coyle RIP Michael Ridge RIP Private intention (recovery)

OUR E-SAFETY CHAMPIONS

These will be made up of two representatives from each class from Year 3 to Year 6. The E-Safety Champions will meet fortnightly, on a Wednesday lunchtime once a fortnight. Aims for the rest of this academic year are to involve pupils in solving problems, offering help and advice to other pupils when needed, to establish an e-safety newsletter to inform parents and children about important e-safety updates, to deliver e-safety assemblies which are suitable for KS1 and KS2 pupils. to organise a whole school safer internet day/week to update our knowledge about online safety, and to try out different activities and games and feedback to classmates. to provide all pupils with opportunities to develop skills that will be important throughout their lives.

Well done to Kyanna, Jeremiah, Tyler, Siyane, Jade, Osinachi, Shallom and Adebayo



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