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NEWSLETTER

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New Mercies

New mercies each day,

Fall from heaven above

Sprinkles of eternal hope

Raindrops of God's love.

Showers of grace upon us,

From the skies they descend

With promises one day...

To heaven, we will ascend.

New mercies each day,

To replenish and restore

Grave today sufficient

Tomorrow, will rain more.

In our weaknesses,

New mercies God sends

To heal and to comfort

To repair and mend



I started the newsletter last week stating that I thought Spring was in the air and then drove home from school in the snow... I will no longer comment on the British weather—it clearly has a mind of its own.

This week has been a good week for Year 3, not only did they receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation but they had a lovely day at Kingsbury Water Park—apparently it included toasting marshmallows over a fire!

Year 1 presented their class assembly on Thursday, thank you so much to all the parents who came to support them—they rose to the occasion. Year 2 presented a thoughtful and beautiful Mass this morning and Year 5 organised, planned and delivered our 3rd Lenten Activities—the amounts that are raised every week are remarkable and I know how you love your children bringing home more books, toys, cakes and chocolates!

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Many congratulations to all the children of Year 3 who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation last night at Corpus Christi Church. Many thanks to the teachers and Father Paul and Father Michael who supported the children so well and to all the families who came along.

The children of Year 3 were a credit to their families and the school—it was a lovely occasion and we greatly look forward to their Holy Communion.

Sainsbury Vouchers

We are collecting the Sainsbury Schools Vouchers—we have done this for the past few years and it has helped us replenish our P.E. supplies. I am sure you are well aware of all the cuts to public services and there is no doubt that school budgets are being affected so if we can order resources 'free of charge' it really does make a difference!

St. Patrick's Day Menu

Please find attached our kitchen menu for St Patrick's Day—St Patrick's Day is on Thursday 17th March and the kitchen have prepared a special menu for that day.

Communication

You know how important I feel communication is in school that we have an open door policy and I am happy to see and talk to you at any time; we also try extremely hard to make sure all key information is put on the school website and communicated through newsletters—we also send out text messages regularly to remind you of things.

Please can I ask you to make sure you check your child/children's bags for letters—this week we have sent out

- Parents Evening appointments
- Assessment leaflet and letter
- Big Read Designs
- Newsletter (today)

If you haven't received your parents evening appointment time please check your child/children's bag and if still not found contact the school and we can tell you your appointment time,

Attendance

Many congratulations to Thomas in Year 3 who won the attendance award this week and

Attendance Since September

96.04%

**Weekly attendance:
29.02.16—04.03.16**

96.79%

Winning Class

Year 2—99%

Congratulations

PARISH MESSAGE FOR OUR CHILDREN'S FAMILIES

Dear Parents,

Father Paul, Father Michael and I would like you to know that we are having a special **SERVICE OF HEALING** in the Church on Tuesday 15th March at 7pm.

It is called **'COME TO THE CROSS'**. It will give you time for quiet prayer or just to light a candle for your family and have a chance to bring your worries and needs to God. Confession will be available for anyone who wants it.

All of us carry our own crosses – it could be ill health, unemployment, addiction, breakdown in relationships or any form of stress.

During Lent we can bring these to Jesus who died on the Cross for us because He loves us.

You are most welcome to come and receive a **BLESSING FOR PEACE IN YOUR LIFE.**

TUESDAY 15th MARCH at 7pm. God bless you and your families.

Sister Maureen

"Every saint has a past and every sinner has a future."

Pope Francis



Mrs Laidlaw's Garden Project—Design A Garden Competition

A little reminder that we are running a garden design competition for children to enter—entries should be in school by March 18th—they can be drawn, 3D models or designed on a computer!

I've already seen a couple of amazing examples being brought in—I could never be that creative!

The Big Read

If you have been into school this week you may have seen a rather large covered object by the library—it is a reading bench that the school have purchased for The Big Read. We now have to design and decorate the bench, it will then be taken throughout the summer and displayed somewhere in Birmingham and then returned to school for our use. Excited—you bet we are! Your child should have received a design sheet this week. We are asking the children to think about and design what they think should go on the bench. It has to be along the reading and book theme and we looked at some examples in assembly. We will choose winning designs and then decide on an overall winning design (or ideas from the best designs) to decorate our bench.

We are happy for parents to help the children with their designs



Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 15th March—Swimming Year 2 and Year 5

Wednesday 16th March—PARENTS EVENING

Friday 18th March—Year 4 Mass

Friday 18th March—Year 3 Lenten Activities

HOLY WEEK

Tuesday 22nd March—Year 5 Easter Play 9:15am

Tuesday 22nd March—Year 2 and 5 Swimming

Wednesday 23rd March—Brass Concert Year 4, 5 and 6—2:15pm

Thursday 24th March—Holy Week Prayer Service 9:15am (all are welcome)

Throughout Holy Week each class will take part in Stations of the Cross and listen to the Passion Story.

Thanks

A word of thanks to Father Paul and Father Michael who have supported the school so wonderfully over the past few weeks; we have had Confirmation, Reconciliation for Year 3, we have also had reconciliation for Years 4,5 and 6 after Mass this morning, we have had Mass every Friday and they have supported the children, school and family of Robby as we learnt of his passing and prepared for his funeral.

We are so lucky and grateful to have two priests supporting us in this way.

I hope that you all have a nice weekend.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Hobbs and all the staff