

# ST.FRANCIS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

**'We care for each other and we always try to do our best'**

**20th February 2018 —**



Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back to another exciting half term.

As we prepare ourselves spiritually for Easter, we have been reflecting upon our own lives and the positive impact we can make on the lives of others. We are greatly immersed in the season of Lent and, as we journey with Jesus, we are working as a community to support those in need. The children in every class are busy preparing Easter assemblies and you are warmly invited share these poignant and very special occasions with us. The infants are preparing for a Key Stage 1 Palm Liturgy, which will be a celebration of song and drama. You are all welcome to join us for these reflective occasions.

Building work is well under way and we thank you all for your patience. We have many exciting trips and visitors planned for this half term, including a photography club assembly! Band, choir and Glee club resume next week and all usual day time enrichment clubs will continue within the school day. New UFA groups have been organised and UFA remains every Wednesday afternoon for Key Stage 2.

We will inform you all about Summer term after school clubs provided by staff and specialists by the end of this half term.

As you will all appreciate, space in school is limited due to current health and safety procedures in place whilst building work is under way. During this period, it is important that school is as clear as possible for building work undertaken before and after the school day. Breakfast club and after school club remains in full use. Please do not hesitate to phone school should you require a place for your child. You can use our 'drop-off' service in a morning from 8.20 am at a cost of £1.50 per child (£2.00 for Pre-School children).

Our new outdoor area is complete and it has been wonderful to see it in full use. You can find pictures of our beautiful outdoor classroom on our school website. The next phase of our project is to create a bespoke outdoor science centre for Key Stage 2 children next to our greenhouse. Any volunteers to help paint our greenhouse would be gratefully received!

We thank you for your continued support.

# Dates for your Diary

- 21st February:** Year 5 at Longridge High school for a taster day
- 22nd February:** World thinking day: Cubs, Beavers, Scouts , Rainbows ,Brownies and Guides can come into school wearing their uniforms
- 23rd February:** KS2 Gymnastics competition-Year 3 and 4 only
- 27th February:** Police and riot van visit to infants
- 28th February:** Year 5 at Cobble Hey all day
- 1st March:** World Book Day- Dress up as your favourite character  
Glee Club begins after school
- 2nd March:** Christine Dewhurst from CAFOD visit day-workshops for KS2 and working with CAFOD club at lunchtime
- 5th March:** Year 6 at Longridge High for Safety Town all day
- 11th March:** Mothering Sunday Family Mass
- 12th March:** Science week begins
- 13th March:** Photography club assembly for children (in preparation for photography club to begin on 17th April)
- 19th March:** Sports Relief Week
- 22nd March:** KS1 Palm Liturgy in Church at 2.30pm –families and friends all Welcome!

**Families and friends are all invited to attend our very special class assemblies and Palm Liturgy. Class assemblies are as follows:**

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| <b>26th March:</b> | 9.00am: Pendle Class assembly    | The Last Supper            |
| <b>27th March:</b> | 9.00am: Parlick Class assembly   | The Garden of Gethsemane   |
| <b>28th March:</b> | 9.00am: Fairsnape Class assembly | The Stations of the Cross  |
| <b>29th March:</b> | 9.00am: Beacon Class assembly    | The Resurrection of Christ |

**Holy Thursday-Break up at 1.30pm**

**Children return for Summer Term on Monday 16th April**