

# NEWSLETTER

11<sup>th</sup> February 2022

*May each one of us  
be an architect of  
understanding,  
respect and love.*



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'A child helped by another child is like a strong city'

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Dear Parents,

## Children's Mental Health Week

As we come to the end of Children's Mental Health Week, and a precious half term break, we want to say thank you for all your support; your patience with arrangements around unavoidable bubble closures, and your respect for school staff, and other parents, as last minute changes have had to be shared due to a rapidly changing Covid scene.



## Pick Up after half term for Year 1 and Reception

As you know Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February is an INSET day – children do not attend school.

From Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, the back gate will open at 3.05pm for parents to come in and circulate on the back playground. This is where children from Year 1 and Reception are collected, and it signals an opening up of school routines. We continue to review all our plans as we make our way towards more normal times, we hope.

## Multi Faith Day - some strong learning moments



Multi Faith day this half term focussed on the creation stories across the main religions.

Reception and Year 1 reflected on our Christian beliefs around creation, and Year 2 learnt the creation story of the Jewish faith. Year 3 learnt about Islam: Year 4 about Hinduism; Year 5 about Buddhism, and Year 6 about Sikhism.

Learning was celebrated in art; in drama; in dance and in story-writing. I am sure the children will impress you with their growing knowledge of other faiths.



### Parents' Evenings

The usual mid-year review of your child's progress will be shared with you at Parents' Evening. We shall send home a paper copy in an envelope on the day of your meeting. Please bear with us, and help us by looking in your child's bag for the short report. It will form the basis for your meeting. It may happen that you will receive it after your meeting – depending on timings - but it will serve as a reference point for you of the conversation. We hope to be reporting on strong learning behaviours and good values – all of which underpin and lead to successful, rounded and happy children. The teachers have been asked to be very clear with you about gaps and dips in learning and attitudes. As is always the case when relationships between school and home are strong, every-one is properly focussed on developing children with a strong knowledge of what “good” looks like; and a balanced sense of self. This is how attitudes will blossom, and children will thrive. Never has our joint working been as important as now, as we navigate our way through the next phase of family life, with its blessings and its challenges, as it evolves post Covid disruptions.

### Thinking about the Office

Our Office staff provide an excellent front of house service to our community, and are very happy to help with exceptional and emergency changes that take place for you during the school day. It would be very helpful if these could be received, where possible, by 1pm as there is a smaller team working in the Office each afternoon. We are of course happy for real emergencies to be communicated at any time. We appreciate our hard-working and caring Office staff, and want to show respect for all they have to do. Thank you.

### Questionnaire



Thank you if you have found time to complete the parent questionnaire – either online or on paper. Please see last week's newsletter, and respond as fully or as briefly as you deem appropriate. It would be wonderful to have every family represented in the feedback. Thank you for your input.

Have a lovely half term.

Best wishes,

*Susan Lawless & team.*

## HOLY GHOST PRIMARY - SCHOOL DATES

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>FEBRUARY</b>				
14 <sup>th</sup> Feb <b>HALF TERM →</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	18 <sup>th</sup> Feb
21 <sup>st</sup> Feb <b>INSET DAY</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb Children return to school	23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb Y4 Trumpets Parents' Evening - Zoom 3.30-6.30	24 <sup>th</sup> Feb Y4 Swimming Parents' Evening - Zoom 3.30-6.30	25 <sup>th</sup> Feb Anti Bullying Day Place2Be
<b>MARCH</b>				
28 <sup>th</sup> February	1 <sup>st</sup> March	2 <sup>nd</sup> March Ash Wednesday Y4 Trumpets	3 <sup>rd</sup> March World Book Day Y4 Swimming 	4 <sup>th</sup> March
7 <sup>th</sup> March Y6 Netball v S&C (selected)	8 <sup>th</sup> March	9 <sup>th</sup> March Y4 Trumpets	10 <sup>th</sup> March Y3 Book Viewing 2.40pm Y4 Swimming Tag Rugby - Y5/6 & Y3 - selected	11 <sup>th</sup> March Y5 Book Viewing 2.40pm  Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> - 11.30am Y3 - FHC Presentation Mass
14 <sup>th</sup> March	15 <sup>th</sup> March	16 <sup>th</sup> March Y4 Trumpets	17 <sup>th</sup> March Y4 Swimming Y4 Book Viewing 2.40pm	18 <sup>th</sup> March Y6 Book Viewing 2.40pm
21 <sup>st</sup> March	22 <sup>nd</sup> March	23 <sup>rd</sup> March Y4 Trumpets	24 <sup>th</sup> March Y4 Swimming	25 <sup>th</sup> March
28 <sup>th</sup> March	29 <sup>th</sup> March	30 <sup>th</sup> March	31 <sup>st</sup> March The Passion 2.00pm	1 <sup>st</sup> April End of Term 

<b>2022</b>	
Date	Event
<b>APRIL</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> April	End of Term
15 <sup>th</sup> April	Good Friday
17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Easter Sunday
19 <sup>th</sup> April	Return to School
<b>MAY</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Bank Holiday
5 <sup>th</sup> May	Class Photos
7 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3 First Holy Communion
26 <sup>th</sup> May	End of Term (Thursday)
27 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term starts

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