



15th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Fund raising for Ukraine

The Department of Education is supporting a national campaign for Ukraine tomorrow, being led by <https://schools.firstnews.co.uk/ukraine/>

However, I feel that telling you today to come in blue and yellow clothes tomorrow is too short notice. As such, I also think it important that our children hear and have explained to them some of the difficulties being presented in the current news. We will instead, embrace a whole school awareness day on Friday 18th March 2022. Pupils can come in dressed in blue and/or yellow and parents can donate to Disasters Emergency Appeal via their website https://www.dec.org.uk/?gclid=EAlaIQobChMIot7TpiI7I9gIVDuztCh1mnQAPEAAYASAAEgIJ5fD_BwE

I appreciate that this is a very sensitive subject however our children hear things on the news and see things on the internet so all staff will talk to children in an age appropriate way and support them. The overwhelming response of everyone is to support those in greater need than ourselves.

Lenten Reflections

I would like to invite parents into school to take part in a short and peaceful Lent reflection with our children during the last week of term, leading up to Holy Week. We are starting small as some of our children will have no memory of parents coming into school to watch them. Please be patient with the children as they grow in confidence and show you how beautiful and spiritual they can be, it is a wonderful way to start inviting you all back, post COVID.

Parents invited	Date and time
Year 1 – Mrs Langford	Monday 4 th April 2022 at 10am
Year 1 – Mrs Watanabe & Mrs Kingston	Monday 4 th April 2022 at 2pm
Year 2 – Miss Prayle	Tuesday 5 th April 2022 at 10am
Year 2 – Miss Cherry	Tuesday 5 th April 2022 at 2pm
Year 3 – Miss Dean	Wednesday 6 th April 2022 at 10am
Year 3 Mrs Meldrum & Mrs McLean	Wednesday 6 th April 2022 at 2pm
Year 4 – Mrs Scott	Thursday 7 th April 2022 at 10am
Year 4 – Mr Bonnar	Thursday 7 th April 2022 at 2pm
Year 5 – Miss McMaster	Friday 8 th April 2022 at 10am
Year 5 – Miss Dolphin	Friday 8 th April 2022 at 2pm

I am proposing that, to ensure it is not too intimidating for the children, the year group will go through their reflection twice and the parents from each class will come in once to see their child. I ask that no more than two adults per child attend so that we are not overwhelmed with visitors for the first-time having people in school since COVID. Visitors can wear a mask and the doors and windows will be open for ventilation in the hall.

Our Nursery and Reception children will invite you all in to see them during the summer term, they are growing in confidence every day and we know that you will be so proud when the right time comes to see them.

The Year 6 children are currently focusing hard on their SATS preparation so they will not be leading a reflection for parents this term. In the summer term all Year 6 parents will be invited to prayer reflections, an end of year show, leavers assembly and leavers mass and the children will take part in various school trips to the Youth Village, Safety Works, Kingswood and Holy Island.

I am delighted to be able to start welcoming you all back into school, I am sure that you will all appreciate it too. However, if you are unable to make your date we will of course be putting some photographs on Facebook for you to enjoy.

As always, we continue to keep all of our families and school community in our thoughts and prayers.

Best wishes,

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