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*Through following Jesus, we aim to be a caring, happy school, where everyone is valued and appreciated and can reach their true potential. We hope to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with our God.*

**READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE**

17<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents/carers,

## **SCIENCE WEEK 2023**

We are running science week from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023 this year and we have some science visitors coming in on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to talk about their role and how science has inspired them. We are expecting it to be a really exciting and interesting week for all of our pupils.

- Monday - Mrs Sushma Kotecha (optician)
  - KS1 - 9.30 – 10.00am
  - KS2 – 10.15 – 11.00am
- Tuesday –Mrs Maryam Haroutunian (reveal winners for best design for helping save the planet)
  - KS1 - 9.30 – 10.00am
  - KS2 – 10.15 – 11.00am
- Wednesday – Mrs Helen Wayman (Pharmacist)
  - KS1 - 9.30 – 10.00am
  - KS2 – 10.15 – 11.00am

During Science week our pupils will also be taking part in the following activities:

- Interactive science investigations including practical experiments at an age appropriate level. All designed to engage and encourage our pupils to become science ambassadors.
- Create a piece of furniture for school linked to cross curricular learning with D&T, Art and Mathematics. On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March, the current science ambassadors will choose 2 entries (one KS1 & one KS2) to send to a North East competition and the winners will have their furniture made.

## **Easter Egg Raffle**

The school council will be selling raffle tickets for £1 per strip starting on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March. If you would like to take part then please send the money in an envelope with your child's name and class on it.



### **Easter Egg decorating competition**

Advance notice that the school council are organising an Easter Egg Competition for all of our pupils to enter. The entries can be brought into school on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March and a child from every year group will win a prize. We look forward to seeing some of your amazing creations.

### **World Water Day**

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March it is World Water Day <https://www.worldwaterday.org/> and as part of our Catholic Social Teaching all pupils will learn about how to support and help others in need.

### **Parent's evening**

The link is up and running so please make sure that you all to book a slot to come into school to discuss your child's progress with the class teacher and look at their books. This terms parent's evening's will be held on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March.

During both parent's evenings, Mrs Kingston will be running workshops on a drop-in basis aimed at helping parent's support their children in dealing with anxiety. I know that her expertise will be well received by all of our families. You are welcome to attend the workshop and then if you would like further support, you could book an appointment to see her.

Nursery parent's evening will be held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March.

### **Art Project – Angel of the North**

On the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023 it was the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the installation of the Angel of the North as piece of iconic public art, which is now part of the national cultural map. Pupils have painted, built or created art projects based on the work of Anthony Gormley. We are looking forward to showing everything off during both parent's evening slots, I know that all their hard work will make you all so proud.

### **Lunch orders for school dinners**

Please can you make sure that you give the office 2 weeks' notice when you would like your child to change from dinners to packed lunches or vice versa. This is to enable the kitchen to plan their food orders accurately. We appreciate your help with this.

As always, all staff and governors continue to keep all of our families in our prayers.

### **Ramadan**

The auspicious month of Ramadan is a time for reflection, contemplation, and celebration. The Islamic calendar follows the phases of the moon, commonly known as the lunar cycle. As a result, the Holy month of Ramadan falls approximately 10 days earlier each year in the Gregorian calendar. The Ramadan start date for 2023 is expected to begin on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, following the sighting of the moon over Mecca. Lasting for 30 days, Ramadan will end on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April, with the celebratory days of Eid al-Fitr starting on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April or Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.



### **Year 6 SATS Information Evening**

On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 5:30pm, the Year 6 teaching staff will hold an information evening for all Year 6 parents to show you what your child is doing in class. We will also give some ideas about how you can best support your child over the coming 2 months in anticipation of their SATS examinations in May 2023.

### Year 6 Booster Classes

Year 6 parents have been emailed an additional letter this week about extra support sessions teachers are putting on after school. So, all Y6 pupils are asked to stay in school on both a Monday and Tuesday until 4:30pm.

Best wishes,

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