



St Amand's Primary School— Information for Parents

NEWSLETTER 3 February 2017

Dear Parents

The Wednesday Word is Goodness

St Amand's Feast Day - Monday 6 February

Please join us for Mass on Monday at 9.15am in St Mary's Church to celebrate our unique patron saint of school.

KS2 trip

KS2 enjoyed a wonderful visit to the **Steam Museum** last week. Highlights were the role play in the air raid shelter and in the carriage on a platform when children were 'evacuees'. Children looked amazing in their costumes; they were admired by other schools who didn't dress up. Behaviour was impeccable, which made the trip even more enjoyable for everyone, thank you.

World Faiths

On Tuesday, children visited each classroom and experienced learning about another world faith: Islam, Hinduism, Judaism and Sikhism. Children's awareness and appreciation of how other people worship, pray and celebrate festivals were appreciated.

Feast of the Presentation

On Thursday, Year 5 and 6 went to St Mary's Church for Adoration led by Fr Andrew and Mr and Mrs Kershaw, who provided musical accompaniment on the guitar. This is the second time children have had Adoration and all adults were impressed with how your children willingly pray together both in silence and in song. Bishop Philip has asked schools to make time for Adoration. Please read the article in the Catholic Herald about our Bishop, who has been described as 'The Cheerful Shepherd.'

"Bishop Egan's vision of Catholic education is one in which all teaching, "especially the sciences and humanities", is Christ-centred. "I would like all children, from Year 5 upwards, to have regular periods of Eucharistic Adoration, contemplative prayer and lectio divina," he says."

<http://www.catholicherald.co.uk/issues/december-16th-2016/catholic-of-the-year-the-cheerful-shepherd/>

We have had a phone call this afternoon from a very disgruntled neighbour, who was unable to get to her garage due to parents parking in front of them. Please may I remind you that the garages in St Mary's Road are on private property. We know that parking is difficult at times but please bear our neighbours in mind when parking, by not blocking any driveways/garages. Thank you for your co-operation.

A reminder that school finishes at the normal time, 3.15pm on Friday 10 February. Term 4 begins on Monday 20 February.

Best wishes

Mrs H Ellery

Many thanks for supporting the Cake Sale last week. A terrific total of £107 was raised which will be put into school funds. Special thanks to the parents of Red Kites and Squirrels children for providing the delicious cakes.



Head Lice are once again rife in school. We ask **ALL** parents to check their child's hair this weekend and treat if necessary and to continue to check it on a regular basis. We can only keep infestation down to a minimum if every child has their hair checked regularly.

You should all have received a newsletter from the School Nurse Team with up to date information regarding the treatment of head lice. A further copy is attached with this newsletter.



Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers are now being issued until 02.05.17. Please collect on behalf of the school. All vouchers must be sent into school by 30 June 2017. Thank you.

The children will be bringing home **200 Club** membership forms today. This is a very easy way of raising funds for the PTA. All funds raised by the PTA are used to provide equipment or extra-curricular events for the school – without these contributions our children would not be able to partake in so many interesting workshops etc.

The 200 Club is really easy to join and only costs £1 per lucky number per month - £12 per number per annum. You can have as many numbers as you like and anyone who wishes to join can do so. Each month half of the monthly income is given to the lucky winner. The more members the greater the prize!!



Diary Dates:

- | | | |
|-------------|---|--|
| Mon 6 Feb | - | Mass at St Mary's, St Amand's Feast Day, 9.15am. All welcome |
| Tues 7 Feb | - | Last Netball Club |
| Thurs 9 Feb | - | Last Sewing Club |
| Fri 10 Feb | - | Non-uniform day. Children to bring a "fine" for PTA funds. |
| | - | Bassistry Music Day, whole school |
| | - | End of Term 3, school finishes at 3.15pm |
| Mon 20 Feb | - | Term 4 begins |



Consecration of English Martyrs Church, Saturday 18 February, 12 noon.

The Consecration of the church is one of the most important events in its lifetime. Fifty years ago, Bishop Warlock came to English Martyrs in Didcot and blessed the church, but because it was not fully paid for, it could not be consecrated at the time. We are really pleased that Bishop Philip is going to be coming to Didcot on the anniversary of English Martyrs' being blessed, to actually consecrate the church. You are all invited to attend this wonderful celebration

