

# ST JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



Spring Term

17<sup>th</sup> March 2023

### Attendance - week ending 10.03.23

NUR-J	80.0%
NUR-K-R	80.4%
NUR-J PM	75.4%
RK	85.3%
RP	82.7%
Y1RH	87.0%
Y1T	91.0%
Y2D	79.1%
Y2W	90.6%
Y3GM	86.8%
Y3T	88.7%
Y4J	89.7%
Y4S	84.7%
Y5A	84.1%
Y5F	90.0%
Y6B	85.6%
Y6S	88.5%

### Key dates

20.03.23 – 30.03.23	Big Walk and Wheel	
22.03.23	Open Evening Main school building	15:30 – 19:00
23.03.23	Open Evening Main school building	15:30 – 19:00
24.03.23	Reception Mrs Keegan class assembly	14:30
28.03.23	Easter service Cathedral	R-Y2 parents only 10:30
28.03.23	Easter service Cathedral	Y3-6 parents only 13:30
	Nursery and Reception Easter Bonnet Parade	
31.3.23	Inset Day – school closed to pupils	All Day
17.4.23	School Reopens following Easter break	08:50

### Early Reading and Writing Skills

Thank you to all the parents who joined with us this week. We hope you found it useful. We will follow up with a maths session after the Easter break.

### Well done to our Reception children

Our very youngest children in Miss Powell's Reception class led our assembly this afternoon. What a wonderful opportunity to enjoy listening to and seeing the growing confidence of all the children. Well done to you all – thank you to all family members who joined us.

### Sexuality and Relationship Education (RSE)

Thank you to all the parents who attended the meeting with Y5/6 teachers. It was helpful to be able to share our teaching in this statutory area of the curriculum. For those who could not attend, further information has been shared via ClassDojo.

### Open Evening – 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Our booking system for parent and carer consultation evenings is now open. Open evening for all pupils from Reception to Y6 will take place on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March from 3:30 – 7:00. Books will also be available for you to look at with your child. Teachers for Reception, Y1 and Y2 will be available in the Foundation Phase Hall and Teachers for Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 will be in the KS2 Hall. You can also book an appointment with ALNCo Mrs O'Brien on these dates. The only entrance and exit to school will be through the main door on Caepistyll Street.

Please be mindful of where you park on this evening. Thank you

### Red Nose Day – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March

The children thoroughly enjoyed our opportunity to spread joy today. Instead of giving our donation to Comic Relief, we have donated our collection to that of Cwmrhydyceirw School in their fundraising efforts for the member of their school family directly affected by the catastrophic explosion in Morriston. Thank you so much for your kind donations.

### Getting ready for Easter – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Our Year 6 children will be leading the readings describing the events of Holy Week as part of our preparation for Easter. Children from reception to Y5 will sing an Easter hymn as we think about the events leading up to the crucifixion. We will perform this in the Cathedral on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March. We have limited room for parents/carers so we would ask for one or two family members only to join us in the Cathedral, at 10:30am for children from Reception to Y2 and 1:30pm for parents from Y3-6.

### Y3-6 Penitential Service

We are grateful to Canon Benedict who will be visiting school on 29<sup>th</sup> March to lead our children in a penitential liturgy, helping us to continue on our Lenten journey as we prepare for the great feast of Easter.

### Stations of the Cross

All classes will visit the Cathedral over the next two weeks to take part in Stations of the Cross. The Stations of the Cross is a form of prayer used traditionally in Lent. Each of the fourteen stations retells part of Jesus' Passion through images and words. Please ask your child about what they have learnt.

Thank you to the faith council who have set up prayer stations across the school. What a wonderful opportunity for the children to write names of people they want to pray for. Diolch faith councillors.

### **Easter Bonnet Parade**

It's that time of year again. We invite parents and carers to make an Easter bonnet at home with the children and bring it to school for the great parade. You are very welcome to join us in the Parish Hall on Convent Street

### **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

Nursery – Mrs Jones at 9:15am

Nursery – Mrs Kinsey Rees at 10:00am

Afternoon Nursery – Mrs Jones (in the nursery classroom) at 1:00pm

### **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

Reception – Mrs Powell at 9:15am

Reception - Miss Keegan at 10am

### **Big Walk and Wheel 2023 – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

Get set... we're taking part in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel 2023 (the new name for Big Pedal), the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. The challenge runs from 20th to 31st March. It's free and we would love everyone to be involved. There are lots of ways you can take part, you can scoot, walk or cycle all the way to school, or some of the way. You can 'Park and ride' to school, park your car part of the way to school and travel actively for the rest of the journey. If your child catches a bus to school, perhaps they could travel actively to the bus stop.

Normal morning arrangements will apply, except your child will need to store their scooter or bike in the pod before they go into school via their normal entrance. Reception and nursery children will come into school as normal and will store their bikes and scooters in the yard.

As a way to reward the children and yourselves for your active travel, we will be holding a 'Bike it Breakfast' cafe in the pod on Wednesday 29th March. Here, you will be able to enjoy a bacon roll or a veggie sausage sandwich and cup of juice to recharge after travelling to school. We look forward to seeing you there!

All children who take part will go into a prize draw to win some wonderful walk and wheel prizes

### **Parking**

Please consider avoiding driving up Caepistyll Street. It is extremely busy at the end of the school day. I am concerned there could be an accident with so many pedestrians and cars in the same area. It is also very difficult for residents in the local area to have access to their homes.

As part of my role as a peer inspector for Estyn, I will be absent from school next week from Monday to Thursday. I will return to school late Thursday afternoon and will be available during the open evening on Thursday should anyone want to meet with me.

**Thank you for your continued support.**

**Angela Heald**