

# Headteacher's Newsletter

6 March 2019

Christian Value for this half term:

**Forgiveness**



Dear parents/carers,

March seems to have become a busy month. We've had the book fair, a fantastic after school drama performance, cluster sporting events and of course some competitions.

It's World Book Day tomorrow. We decided not to dress up as a change to what we normally do but instead hold two competitions: Book in a Box and Reading in an Unusual Place.

We've had lots of entries already for Reading in an Unusual Place—there 's still time to get your entry in if we have it before 12.00 lunchtime tomorrow (Thursday). You can do this via direct message on Facebook (the photo will be kept

private and just printed off), via Twitter, via school email to the office or by printing it off and sending it in.

The book fair made a total of £774.78. This means school gets £404.87 to spend on books of our choosing for the children. Thank you!

Book in a Box entries are due in tomorrow. The PTA's Matchbox Challenge has now closed and they will be busy identifying the winner. I hope that this won't actually involve counting the items!!

Friday 15th March is Comic Relief. We've been selling red noses in Reception classroom on the run up to this. They will sell out before then, but they can also be bought in supermarkets if your child wants one.

To support Comic Relief children can come to school in their own clothes (wear something red if you can!) for a donation of £1, which you will be able to pay on Parentpay from Tuesday 12th March. We are also asking children to bring their best joke with them.

We are also holding a cake sale at breaktime—for this we will need lots of donations of cakes for us to sell if you are able.

Here's my favourite joke ready for Red Nose Day:

A kid threw a lump of cheddar at me. I thought "That's not very mature".

Best wishes,  
*Mrs Graham*  
Headteacher



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## School Finances

Trustees and staff are at the point where we are reviewing our budget for next year and beyond. Sadly we are in a situation where



we are simply not being given enough money to run the school as we would like.

As you will be aware we reviewed staffing a few years ago. We have the bare minimum of staff we can run a school with and have already put in place creative solutions for September. However we still need to find solutions.

One of the things the children may see change is that we can no longer afford to fund the fish tank. Aqualease manage the tank for us, they come in once a month to clean it, service it, make sure it's all working well and replace any fish who have departed. This costs £840 a year.

We will be talking to the children about whether the fish are something they want to keep. If this is the case we will need to look at some fundraising opportunities.

## Knowledge Organisers Y1-5

Your child should have brought home one or two 'Knowledge Organisers' at the beginning of this half term. This shows what they will be learning in science and either DT, history or geography.

It would also be great if you talked to your child about the knowledge organisers at home. This trial is looking at whether displaying and sharing the knowledge in this way helps more of it to be retained. We have effectively 'stripped back' what we are teaching so that the knowledge has more of a focus in our teaching. We'll let you know how we get on!

## Easter Egg Bingo



We will be holding our annual Easter Egg Bingo on Wednesday 10th April at 6.00pm. Tickets will go on sale in due course (please be advised that this is always a sell out event!)

We are asking for donations of Easter eggs to be brought in on Friday 5th April. In return for bringing in an egg children can come in their own clothes. Please note: Reception will bring in their eggs and have their non uniform day on Thursday 4th April as they are on a trip the day after.

Thank you for your continued support with this event. This money comes directly to school and pays for extras for the children.

## Easter service



Year 4 will be leading our Easter service in church on Thursday 11th April at 9.30am.

They have already started putting this service together and the whole school have been busy learning the hymns we will be singing. Please come and join us for this wonderful celebration

## Year 6 Leavers

Congratulations to all our Year 6 pupils who received offers from the secondary schools on Friday last week.

Our children will be going to the following secondary schools in September:

Rivington and Blackrod

St. Josephs

St. Michael's

Canon Slade

Albany

Southlands

Rumworth

Bolton School

Standish High

## Attendance

Overall attendance for February is 97.2%. Attendance for each class for February is as follows:

Reception: 98.4%

Year 1: 97.4%

Year 2: 96.7%

Year 3: 98.8%

Year 4: 96.1%

Year 5: 96.2%

Year 6: 96.7%

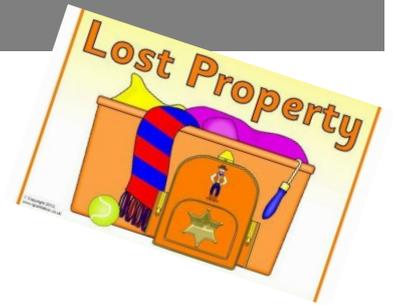
Congratulations to Year 3 who have achieved the highest attendance !!

Thank you parents and carers for ensuring that your children are in school and on time regularly—every day counts and every second matters.



## Uniform

We still have children who do not have their uniform labelled. We know how expensive it is and how annoying it is when they lose it.



Please check your child's jumper/cardigan, tie and PE kit to make sure they all have their name in it. It is very hard for staff to ensure that the uniform gets back to the right person if we have no clue who it belongs to. Uniform that is clearly labelled almost always ends up being returned when it goes missing.

## Forthcoming events

7 Mar	World book day
12 Mar	Cluster netball competition
15 Mar	Red Nose Day and cake sale
21 Mar	Cluster football competition
26 Mar	Cluster cross country competition
29 Mar	Y4 to Sealife Centre Trafford
1 Apr	Bishop Mark to visit school German student starts their placement
4 Apr	Reception Easter egg donations and non uniform day
5 Apr	Rest of school Easter egg donations and non uniform day Reception trip to Wildlife Oasis
9 and 10 Apr	Hugh Templeton watercolour artist working with each class
10 Apr	Easter Egg Bingo 6pm
11 Apr	Easter service in church School closes for Easter 3.15pm
12 Apr	Training day. School closed.
23 Apr	School re