



EMBRACING THE UNIQUENESS OF EACH CHILD THROUGH THE MESSAGE OF GOD'S LOVE



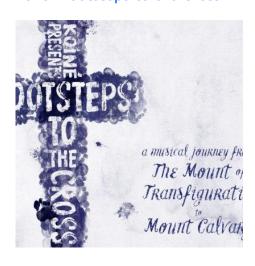
# Inspire Afternoon

Thank you To Miss Youds who (on her birthday ©) organised a lovely Inspire afternoon for her children and their parents. The children thought about the things that make up God's wonderful world. They then painted a rock to represent their ideas. These rocks were then glossed and will be taken up to Princethorpe Chapel to be blessed by Father Teddy on Sunday. Please do join us for this Mass which will take place on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 10:15. Everyone is welcome, regardless of your beliefs.

# Year 6 Leaver's Mass - Change of date

Please note that this date is now the 29<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm. This will still take place at Wappenbury and will involve refreshments afterwards. It is always a really lovely occasion.

#### Lent - footsteps to the Cross



Lent starts next Wednesday. The children will be celebrating Shrove Tuesday by having pancake races and then will be having an Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday morning.

Father Teddy came into school today, on the Feast Day where we think about Jesus' presentation in the temple. Teddy prayed with each class in turn and blessed them and their classroom.

The children were very reverant and respectful.

### Holy Reflection Year 3 and 4

This is taking place on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March and 2pm in the school Hall.

#### 'Mousike Ensemble'

As part of the music curriculum the children in Year 1 and 2 and 3 and 4 will be taking part in a big music event. This is taking part in March but the children are beginning the practice now – learning songs that are linked to their history currciculum and learning their instument parts. The children will also be learning a 'party piece', but this is top secret at this stage! The children will be going to Sacred Heart School with lots of other schools to perform and celebrate their learning. A seperate letter will go out about this nearer the time. We will be asking the children to wear costumes and so we may need your help with this. Again, we will send out a separate, more detailed letter about once we have firmed up the requirments.

#### Time to Shine

The date of Time to Shine is:

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm in the school hall.

Please speak to your child to find out if they are going to be part of this special evening.

# Our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Our Lady's is in its 50<sup>th</sup> year! We will be celebrating it over Spring 2 and the Summer and will be doing lots of lovely work and activities with the children. This will include a history week and an art week which will incorporate a day of 60s music and dance. If you know of anyone who came to the school in the past or who knows anything about the history of the school, I would be very interested in speaking with them. There will be further information to follow.

#### Safer Internet Day

The theme this year is: 'Create, Connect and Share Respect: A Better Internet Starts with You'

This theme has been chosen as the global Safer Internet Day theme by the Insafe netwrk as it reflects the importance of all stakeholders of the internet in effecting postive change. This change can come from individuals, school, organisations, law enforcement and the internet industry itself.

This week's special mentions						
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	
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This week's attendance figures							
YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	
95%	93%	95%	96%	91%	86%	82%	



The children know that they need to work hard again this year to show the value of respect. They will receive respect tokens to go towards a whole class treat once their jar is full!

The theme encourgaes young people to work together to be postitive, safe and respectful online. In the UK the campaign will particulalry empower young people to take control of their digital wellbeing and explore opportunities the internet has to offer in a positve way. The campaign encourgaes young people to consider how they interact with others to develop healthy online relationships.

We had an assembly today to launch the work that we will be doing next week. E safety is part of our curriuclum and is something that is ongoing in our school, but next week will mark the second time this acedemic year that we have had a direct focus on this important subject.

Please find some useful fact sheets to support you at home to keep your children safe.



#### Good Shepherd Appeal

Since the early years of the twentieth century, school children have helped support the Father Hudson's by collecting coins during Lent, and this remains one of thier most important fundraidsing sources. Today, children raise money through the annual Good Sheperd Appeal. The appeal teaches children to think of people who are less fortunate and helps raises money to sustain the work of caring for people in need.

Your child has come home with a collection box and further inofrmation about the appeal so that they can collect money towards the appeal during Lent. The children are encouraged to donate some tof their sweet or

treat money to help people in need. The support from family members makes a huge difference to the success of the appeal – please rally round and help ypur child fill their collecting box!



# Sponsored Skip

We have already raised a lot of money for this although we have only had 14 returns. Please do send yours in — it is not too late! Thank you in advance.



#### **Alton Castle**

For parents who wish to pay by instalments, the first  ${\it \epsilon}_{30}$  instalment was due today. Cash or cheque payable to Our Lady's School please.



Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February

Shrove Tuesday Pancake races

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Ash Wednesday Service

Valentines biscuit sale - PTA



This will be sold at breaktime so please bring in some loose change!

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

Time to Shine 6pm onwards

Children arrive no later than 5:30

Half term starts

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February

Children return

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February

Year 1 and 2 class assembly 2:30

#### Next week at a glance:

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February:

Reception Mass – 10:15 Princethorpe Chapel.

All are welcome!

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February:

Mission assembly

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February:

BIG SPELL

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January:

Celebration assembly

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kate Madia

# Thunk of the week:

(A beguiling question that stops you in your tracks and makes you think...)

If you take the back off a computer and put flowers in it, does it become a vase?



AT OUR LADY'S WE ARE FULLY COMMITTED TO SAFEGUARDING AND PROMOTING THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN. WE EXPECT ALL STAFF, PARENTS AND VISITORS TO SHARE THIS COMMITMENT.

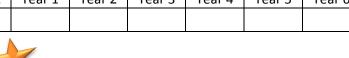






We welcome Milly and her family to the school, it is lovely to have you as part of our family.

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