

# Newsletter

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023

Learning to Love, Loving to Learn



loving hopeful  
faith-filled curious  
generous wise  
eloquent grateful  
discerning  
compassionate  
active  
truthful  
intentional

**Ofsted**  
Good School

Dear parents, pupils, governors, staff and parishioners,

We have had a lovely first week back after half term. This week we have focused on entering the liturgical season of Lent and today we joined several other schools across the Diocese as we took part in a beautiful Lent reflection led by One Life Music. On Monday we were introduced to our new values for the half term. This half term we are aiming to be Learned and Wise. Yesterday we had lots of fun as we celebrated World Book Day with our theme 'Snuggle up with a Book.' Children took part in lots of lovely activities. Thank you to Mrs Tassell for planning the day so beautifully for us. Next week we have got our first Lent Prayer time. Parents of Nursery and Reception are welcome to come into school at 9.10am on Tuesday morning to take part in the class liturgy.

The Mini Vinnie's met with me this week and have planned some opportunities for raising money during Lent. We have some cake sales and a teddy sale planned. More information is below.

Have a lovely weekend. ☺



**Mother's Day Afternoon Tea**  
Nursery, Reception and Y1/2 would like to invite mums, grandmas, aunts, sisters etc to our Mother's Day afternoon tea on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm. One adult per child – more details will be sent out after half term.



## Lenten Fundraising

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March - Nursery/Reception & Y1/2 to donate cakes.  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March – KS2 to donate cakes  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Anyone welcome to donate old soft toys that are in a good condition.  
Each Friday all children are welcome to bring money in to buy from the sales.

## Lent Prayer times

Next week we begin the season of Lent. Throughout Lent each class will be leading a class liturgy that parents are invited to attend. Liturgies will begin at 9.10am.

N/R: 7<sup>th</sup> March  
Y1/2: 20<sup>th</sup> March  
Y3/4: 15<sup>th</sup> March  
Y5/6: 27<sup>th</sup> March



## Fair Trade Fortnight

In assembly this week we talked about Fair Trade fortnight and what it means to buy Fair Trade produce. Some children have created posters to raise awareness to others and these are at the bottom of the Newsletter as well as being displayed in school.







## School Meals – UPDATE



Following the disruption of school meals due to unforeseen circumstances, school dinner choices for next week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> March 2023 will be as follows:

**Monday Tuesday & Wednesday: A choice of a white bun with cheese, ham or tuna filling PLUS Jacket potato with a choice of cheese, beans and tuna.**

**Thursday (as normal Menu): Chicken Fajita Wrap or Mac 'n Cheese or Jacket Potato with cheese, beans or tuna.**

**Friday (as normal Menu): Fish Fingers & chips or Vegetable fingers & chips or Jacket Potato with cheese, beans or tuna.**

We are incredibly sorry about the inconvenience caused and will keep you updated when we find out more.

**PLEASE COULD CHILDREN WHO BRING GRAPES IN TO SCHOOL AS A SNACK OR PACKED LUNCH HAVE THEIR GRAPES CUT UP TO PREVENT CHOKING**

## Our School Lottery

Please consider joining our school lottery. Cash prizes are won every week with very good odds as it is only between the people that sign up in our school. The money raised goes straight back into the school for the children. It is really easy to sign up following this link:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/our-ladys-primary-school-princethorpe>

If we have 50 tickets sold we can raise over £1000 over the course of the year.

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– you can tap straight to advertisers' websites when viewing the mag on your phone (please mention allsorts). There are lots of attraction to visit and services to help your family plus a competition to enter. You can view this issue at [www.allsortsmag.com](http://www.allsortsmag.com) too or on the allsorts Facebook page soon. Happy 2023 - Michelle Love (Editor).

## Workers Of The Year

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	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Back soon.								

## Attendance and Punctuality

Whole school: 97%

Year N & R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
100%	97%	99%	94%	96%	96%	100%

## Next School Week at a Glance

Date	Time	Activity
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> March	3.15pm -	RB Football Playground
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> March	3.15pm - 4.30pm	Dodgeball Club Y3-Y6
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> March	9am – 11am 3.15pm - 4.30pm	Music Lessons with Mr Roe Lego Club YR-Y4
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> March		
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> March	3.15 -5pm	Irish Dancing

## School Lottery

Congratulations to Mrs VP, last week's lottery winner.

Please consider signing up if you haven't already.

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/our-ladys-primary-school-princethorpe>

Twitter/Facebook For up to date information and sharing what we are up to –  
keep an eye on our Twitter feed

@OurPrincethorpe and Facebook Page –

Our Lady's Primary School, Princethorpe @OurPrincethorpe



# Good attendance means...

Being in school at least 95% of the time or 180 to 190 days

365 days in a calendar year

## 175 days not in school!



## Winter Infection & Illness



UK Health  
Security  
Agency

### Winter infections in children – guidance for parents/guardians

This leaflet gives advice on illnesses that are currently affecting nursery and primary school children across the West Midlands

#### What are the symptoms?

There are two groups of symptoms:

- Diarrhoea and vomiting – usually lasting 1-2 days
- Fever, tiredness and nausea (feeling sick), sore throat – sometimes with a cough, lasting 3-4 days

#### What should I do if my child is unwell?

- Keep your child at home until they are well – if your child has diarrhoea and/or vomiting, they should not attend nursery/school until they have been symptom free for 48 hours
- Ensure they drink plenty of fluids – taking sips rather than gulps, to avoid vomiting
- If they have a fever – give child paracetamol and/or ibuprofen, according to manufacturer's instructions
- Your child can return to school once they no longer have a temperature (without medication) and are well enough to do so
- If your child is unusually sleepy, is unable to take fluids or has other symptoms, such as an unusual rash, headache or neck stiffness – **seek medical advice immediately**

#### Infection control advice

Handwashing is one of the most important ways to prevent the spread of both of these infections. This applies to the child who is ill and the person caring for them. Hands should be washed using soap and rinsed under running water:

- Before and after caring for the child
- After using the toilet
- Before eating, preparing or handling food
- After cleaning up spills (vomit, diarrhoea or urine)
- Also – keep a separate towel for each family member who has symptoms, and change them regularly
- Dry hands thoroughly

#### Other control measures:

- Dispose of used tissues immediately
- Wash soiled clothing, bed linen and towels, using the hottest wash setting for the fabric
- Ensure toilet areas, baths and washbasins are kept clean, using hot soapy water
- After initial cleaning, areas may also be infected using a 1 in 10 bleach solution (remember bleach can burn skin and remove colour from fabrics)

### LEAVE OF ABSENCE & SICKNESS

Permission for a leave of absence needs to be sought from the Head teacher should you wish to take your child out of school during term time for an exceptional reason.

Please note that strict Government laws are in place in relation to school attendance.

Term time holidays are not permitted once your child has started school. All holidays should be taken whilst the school is closed.

Holidays in term time will not be considered as 'exceptional' and will NOT be authorised.

Your child's attendance is our shared priority.

If your child is unwell please inform the school office by 9.45am or message the class teacher on class dojo with a reason for absence and expected date of return.

Children who have contracted sickness and/or diarrhoea bugs must remain at home for 48 hours after last sickness/loose bowel movement.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



## Days off school add up to lost learning

### 175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR

175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments

0	6	15	19
DAYS ABSENCE (190 school days)	DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE	DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE	DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE
<b>100%</b>	<b>96.3%</b>	<b>92.3%</b>	<b>Below 90%</b>
EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE <i>Best chance of SUCCESS</i>	SATISFACTORY ATTENDANCE <i>Harder to make good progress</i>	REQUIRES IMPROVEMENT <i>Less chance of success</i>	CAUSE FOR CONCERN <i>Persevere! Absence! Possible Court Action!</i>

## JUNIOR BAKE OFF

...IS LOOKING FOR THE UK'S  
BEST YOUNG BAKERS  
AGED 9 - 12

[WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK](http://WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK)

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE  
SUNDAY 12th MARCH 2023**

Enquiries:  
[applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk](mailto:applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk)



Good Shepherd Appeal boxes have been sent home tonight.

Please could families donate what they can to this worthy cause.?

We are asking pupils to colour in and decorate the boxes as well this year – winners will receive a £25 Amazon voucher. There is a QR code on the box which will take you to a special page on the website with activities and more information about the appeal.

## For your information

Term Ends	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March
SUMMER TERM 2023	
Children return to school	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April
May Bank Holiday	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May
Half Term	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June
Term Ends	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July
Teacher Training Day 4	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July
Teacher Training Day 5	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July

Please note that under new regulations brought into force in 2013, Head teachers are no longer permitted to authorise leave for holidays. From September 2022, **ALL** absences and late arrivals will be reported to the local authority - who will issue fixed penalty fines for lateness and absence breach of statutory regulations at their discretion. We would strongly urge you to book holidays during the 12 weeks of school holidays throughout the school year.

Thank you for your co-operation. |

## Harris C of E Academy Sports Centre

Multi Sport Holiday Clubs for 5-12 year olds



**Holiday Club 9am – 3.45pm**  
Early drop off from 8.15am  
Late Pick up until 4.30pm

Please also ask about our Bikeability courses that run during holidays.  
Cycling Proficiency for the modern age!

To book your place or for more information:  
Email: [sports\\_centre@harriscofeacademy.co.uk](mailto:sports_centre@harriscofeacademy.co.uk)  
Phone: 01788 818925  
Or call in to Harris Sports Centre, Mellish Rd, Rugby, CV22 6BB

All staff are fully qualified, DBS checked and First Aid trained.

## Holiday Club dates for 2022/23

**October Half Term 2022**  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2022 (4 day camp)

**May Half Term 2023**  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023 (3 day camp)

**Christmas 2022**  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2022 (4 day camp)

**Summer 2023**  
Week 1 – 31<sup>st</sup> July to 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug (4 day camp)  
Week 2 – 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> August (4 day camp)  
Week 3 – 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> August (4 day camp)  
Week 4 – 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> August (4 day camp)  
Week 5 – 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> August (3 day camp)

**February Half Term 2023**  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> to Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023 (3 day camp)

**Easter 2023**  
Week 1 – Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> to Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023 (4 day camp)  
Week 2 – Tues 11<sup>th</sup> to Fri 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023 (4 day camp)

**Price per child**  
£15 per standard day (9am to 3.45pm)  
£2.50 per wrap around session or £19 for complete day



Are you a parent or carer to an  
inquisitive and fun-loving girl,  
aged 4 - 7 years old?

Would she like to join Rainbows?

Rainbows is all about developing self-confidence, building friendships, learning new things, and having fun.

Join 4<sup>th</sup> Bilton Rainbows at  
Bilton Methodist Church, 18 Main St, Bilton, Rugby CV22 7ND

Tuesdays 5.30pm – 6.30pm

Email for more information: [rebecca.b.mason@googlemail.com](mailto:rebecca.b.mason@googlemail.com)

Or register at: <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/>



# Fair Trading

Wanted peace and justice in the world!



1. There is 1.7 million fair traders who work for 73 countries. The fair trade movement is a global movement which aims to ensure that all people who produce goods and services have a fair and sustainable life. All they do is work hard to produce goods.

Fun Facts: This is the first Fair trade product to be sold in the UK. It is a product that is made by people who are not from the UK. It is a product that is made by people who are not from the UK.

Some of the products that are sold in the UK are Fair trade bananas, Fair trade coffee, Fair trade chocolate, Fair trade tea, Fair trade rice, Fair trade sugar, Fair trade oil, Fair trade fruit, Fair trade vegetables, Fair trade flowers, Fair trade clothing, Fair trade toys, Fair trade books, Fair trade games, Fair trade puzzles, Fair trade cards, Fair trade postcards, Fair trade stickers, Fair trade magnets, Fair trade keychains, Fair trade pens, Fair trade pencils, Fair trade paper, Fair trade ink, Fair trade paint, Fair trade glue, Fair trade tape, Fair trade string, Fair trade twine, Fair trade rope, Fair trade cord, Fair trade ribbon, Fair trade fabric, Fair trade yarn, Fair trade thread, Fair trade needles, Fair trade scissors, Fair trade sewing machine, Fair trade iron, Fair trade熨斗, Fair trade熨斗, Fair trade熨斗.

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## Fairtrade

### What is Fairtrade?

Fairtrade works with farmers and workers so they can improve their living standards, invest in their communities and businesses and protect our shared environment.

Fairtrade achieves this by making a global community of millions of farmers and workers who supply chain partners, brands, retailers, and governments so they can buy products and services that are produced in a fair and ethical way.

Fair prices provide an immediate benefit to farmers and workers, helping them to improve their living standards and protect their environment.



### Did you know?

Coffee, bananas and chocolate could soon be much more difficult to buy.

Climate change is making crops like these harder to grow. Combined with the unfair trade conditions, communities growing these crops are being pushed to the brink.



### What does Fairtrade do?

Fairtrade works with farming co-operatives, businesses and governments to make trade fair.

Fairtrade has a network of dedicated supporters who help to raise awareness of the issues of unfair trade and support them in their work.



What is fairtrade? Fairtrade is a worldwide movement that aims to help farmers and producers in less economically developed countries.

Did you know? There are over 1,000 Fairtrade products available to buy in UK shops.



FAIRTRADE

Fairtrade also helps farmers and producers gain a more fair amount of money for their work.

Facts about fairtrade!  
• 50% of fairtrade is co-owned by farmers and workers.  
• In 25 years, shoppers generated over one billion pounds in fairtrade premium for farmers and workers.  
• 78% of UK consumers care about fairtrade.

FAIRTRADE



The fair trade movement was initiated by the appeal of Mexican coffee farmers.

For some fair trade products like cocoa, the fair trade model guarantees that farmers are paid a minimum price for their product.  
• Their entire range is fairtrade with cocoa, cane sugar, vanilla and coffee sourced from fairtrade co-operatives.



# FAIRTRADE



You might see this sign over the next few weeks of the fairtrade fortnight. This fairtrade Logo has always stood for fairly produced and fairly traded products.

Fairtrade is about better prices, decent working conditions, and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers in the developing world.

You can support fairtrade by

1. Take part in fairtrade fortnight
2. Join your local fairtrade community
3. Shop for fairtrade online and in stores
4. Choose Fairtrade cafes and restaurants

These are some products that are fairtrade

- Bananas
- Cocoa
- Glowers
- Sugar
- Tea
- Cotton
- Coffee
- Fruit/Juice

Help farmers and families by buying fairtrade products. You can find them in shops and they will have the fairtrade Logo on them too.