



The Holy Spirit Newsletter

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'Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.' (Joshua 1:9)

Spring Term - Friday, 3rd March 2023

In School this week: We have enjoyed our first week back after a restful half-term break and are thankful to all our families, who have embarked on the Easter journey with children, by exploring the **Lenten bags** they take home every day. A BIG 'Thank you' to Ms Hodgson and the Prayer Leaders for organising it. **Crucial Crew** - Our Amethysts enjoyed learning about keeping safe in various ways in various circumstances. They also visited **Norton Priory**, bringing the curriculum to life. As always, their behaviour was exemplary. Well done, children! **Beth Tweddle Gymnastics** - Our children thoroughly enjoyed their Gym sessions in the past few weeks. We said 'Good Bye' to them this week but we are hoping to be working with them again, soon. **World Book Day** - children enjoyed exploring their favourite books and characters. They all looked fantastic and got to take their free book home.

Diary Dates

- Singing Programme with Jon Barton - every Tuesday afternoon
- Year 6 SATs booster - every Wednesday, from 3.15pm - 4pm, starting on Wednesday, 8/3/23
- Scholastic orders deadline - Monday, 20/3/23
- Easter Bingo - School Hall - Thursday, 30/3/23 Doors open - 6.30pm, eyes down - 7pm, 50p door entry
- Parents Evening - School Hall - Monday, 3/4/23 from 1.30 - 4.30pm. Please book your appointment on School Spider, the time-slots are already set up.
- Amethysts - Condoover Hall - Monday, 17/4/23 to Wednesday, 19/4/23
- Y2 Emeralds and Sapphires - Burwardsley - Tuesday, 2/5/23 to Wednesday, 3/5/23
- Topaz - Ullswater - Friday, 19/5/23 to Sunday, 21/5/23

Virtue Star Awards

Congratulations to all our 'Virtue Certificate' winners: **Ellie-Grace** in Diamonds, **Annie** in Emeralds, **Wiktor** in Sapphires, **Bobbi** in Amethysts and **Esme** in Topaz. It takes determination to live out the virtues every day, but because of you our school is a much better place to be in. Keep shining brightly.

Achievement Star Awards

We celebrate all our children's achievements, no matter how small or big they are. We want our children to aspire to be the best they can be. Congratulations to you all, especially those who have made great progress in areas you may have struggled before: **Dominyk** in Diamonds, **Jorgie** in Emeralds, **Dean** in Sapphires, **Elisa** in Amethysts and **Josh** in Topaz.

Attendance

Whole School attendance this week is **94%**, which is 1% down from last week. Thank you to all our families, who ensure their child is in school every day and on time. Well done to our winners this week - **Emeralds with 96.67%**. Diamonds - 92%, Sapphires 91%, Amethysts 95% and Topaz 94%.

Reading

Please support your child to read their book every day and remember that reading books and journals should be in school every day. Staff monitor the journals daily and will only change your child's reading book if there is a comment made that they have read it and if you have returned the previous book.

Maximillian Kolbe Parish

This week we are marking the Second Sunday of Lent. *"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."* Mathew 17:1-9. Mass times in the Parish of Maximilian Kolbe this weekend:

St Edward's Church - Saturday, 4/3/23 - 5pm; Sunday, 5/3/23 - 10.30am.

The Holy Spirit Church - Sunday, 5/3/23 - 9am. For more information, please click on the link to access Father Peter's Parish Newsletter, <http://www.saint-maximilian-kolbe.org/blog/weekly-newsletter/>

Birthdays

Congratulations to all our children, who have had birthdays this week: **Harrison, Dougie, Soma and Oliver!** We hope that you have a great time celebrating your special day at the weekend.