

The Holy Spirit Newsletter

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"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." John 1:5

Spring Term - Friday, 10th March 2023

In School this week: This week, we have warmly welcomed Mrs Jones back to school. She is really excited to resume her work in supporting our children and families. We would like to say a BIG 'Thank you' to our School Choir and Mr Barton for working so hard on recording the hymn 'Christ Has No Body Now But Yours' at such a short notice. The hymn will feature in the Lent Liturgical Prayer, prepared by the Diocese of Shrewsbury, who will send us a YouTube link of the prayer in the next few weeks. We also enjoyed a visit from the Cheshire Library Service Bus, which offered a range of fiction and non-fiction books for our children to choose from and update their reading corners with.

Diary Dates

- Globe Trotters and Mini-Vinnies are cancelled next week; School/Eco council is on Tue, 14/3/23 (3.15-4pm)
- Singing Programme with Jon Barton every Tuesday afternoon
- •Year 6 SATs booster every Wednesday, from 3.15pm 4pm
- Easter Raffle tickets will be on sale from Monday, 13/3/23 Cost £1 per strip. Stay updated on DoJo.
- 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 on School Spider
- Amethysts Condover 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: **Issac-James** in Diamonds, **Kayden** in Emeralds, **Oliver** in Sapphires, **Maila** in Amethysts and **Lexie** 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: **Marshall** in Diamonds, **Daisy-Grace** in Emeralds, **Aiden** in Sapphires, **Poppy** in Amethysts and **Charlotte** in Topaz.

Attendance

Whole School attendance this week is **95%**, which is 1% up 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 - **Sapphires with 99.2%**. Diamonds - 98%, Emeralds 93%, Amethysts 94% and Topaz 93%.

Scholastic Book Club

Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running! Go to https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/the-holy-spirit/digital-book-club to browse the latest books and order online. For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your order online by 20th March, 2023.

Maximillian Kolbe Parish

This week we are marking the **Third Sunday of Lent**. "Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water, welling up to eternal life." John 4:5-42 Mass times in the Parish of Maximilian Kolbe this weekend:

St Edward's Church - Saturday, 11/3/23 - 5pm; Sunday, 12/3/23 - 10.30am.

The Holy Spirit Church - Sunday, 12/3/23 - 9am. For more information, please click on the link to access Fr Peter's Parish Newsletter, http://www.saint-maximilian-kolbe.org/blog/weekly-newsletter/

Birthdays

Congratulations to Troy, who will be celebrating his birthday this weekend - hope you have a wonderful time!

Holy Week Assemblies

To mark Holy Week, parents/carers and governors are invited to a short assembly on the following days: Diamonds & Emeralds - Friday, 31/3/23 from 2.30pm to 3.10pm (Palm Sunday and Love one-another) Sapphires - Tuesday, 4/4/23 from 9.10am to 9.30am (The Last Supper)

Amethysts - Wednesday, 5/4/23 from 2.50pm to 3.10pm (Garden of Gethsemane)

Topaz - Thursday, 6/4/23 from 2.50pm to 3.10pm (Stations of the Cross)

Homework and Reading

Please ensure that children read at home every day and that they complete their homework regularly.