

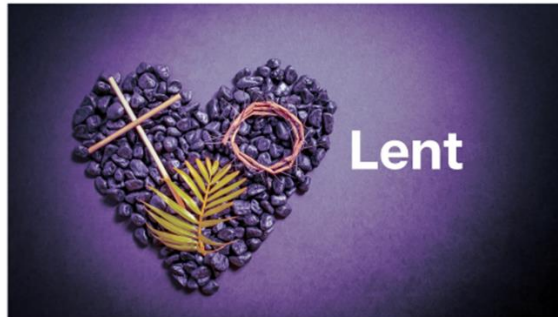


## Mount Carmel RC Primary Newsletter

*Truth, Love, Life to The Full*

### Spring Week 9- 15/3/24

#### Message from the Headteacher



This week, in our Lenten collective worship, I discussed with the children a passage from the Gospel according to John (3:14-21) 'For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son'. We discussed some ways we can share our love with others and I encouraged children to share their love with others this week through their prayers, thoughts, words and actions. I have included a short prayer to help us remember this.

*Generous God, we give you thanks because you loved the world so much you sent your only Son to show us how to live. May we share your love with others. Amen.*

Over the last two weeks, the children have been busy completing assessments in class and we're looking forward to seeing you at parents' evening next week to discuss your child's progress and show you their fabulous work. It's not too late to book an appointment!

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Seaborn

#### In the Curriculum

Year 1 are reading the story 'Bog Baby' by Jeanne Willis in their English lessons. This week the children have acted out the story by going to Bluebell Wood to find the creature in the pond. The children thought of super sentences to describe what happened to the Bog Baby in their writing lesson.

Year 3 have been botanists this week in science. They are investigating the conditions plants need to grow well. They planned and set up their experiment by planting seeds in different conditions. They will observe how well the seeds grow over the next couple of weeks.



Year 5 have been reading 'Cosmic' by Frank Cottrell Boyce in their English lessons. As part of their work on this text, the children have designed their own fairground ride and have been writing some amazing advertisements.

The children across school are enjoying their wellbeing sessions and their enrichment activities provided by Fifth Movement. This has been a great addition to our curriculum offer.



Over the last couple of weeks, the School Council have been organising a polling station in for school as part of the Make Your Mark campaign. This campaign, which is organised by UK Youth Parliament, aims to empower all children by giving them a say in the things that are important to them. The school council therefore organised an afternoon last Friday where all pupils in KS2 had the chance to vote on which topic is most important to them. The results from this have then been sent off to be collated as part of a national vote which will then inform the future work of the Youth Parliament. This was a great opportunity for the School Council to get to grips with how polling stations and ballots work and gave the KS2 children a flavour of what voting at a polling station is like. The children created posters, stood in front of classes to read out instructions, organised a register and set up the library for this event. It was a huge success and something we hope to build on in the future.



### Easter Holiday Clubs

During 2024, Manchester Active and Manchester City Council are offering hundreds of FREE places for children eligible for benefit related free school meals to access a variety of activities over the school holiday periods. **Eligibility checks have changed for 2024 and the registration system will automatically recognise those who are eligible, with a booking code no longer being issued.**

Currently all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 can get free school meals whatever your income. But, if you receive one of the qualifying incomes (see below) you will need to register for benefit related free school meals in order for the registration system to recognise that your child is eligible for a school holiday activity place. Your child may qualify for free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- The guaranteed part of Pension Credit

- Child Tax Credit (if your annual gross income is £16,190 or less and you don't get Working Tax Credit)
- Working Tax Credit run-off after you come off Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit that you applied for on, or after, 1 April 2018. As long as your household income is less than £7,400 a year after tax, not including any benefits
- You may also qualify if you are an asylum seeker, or if a child receives any of these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian.

[Think you are Eligible? Apply for Free School Meals here](#)

### **Parent's Evening**

Next week, we will be holding parents' evenings. Please make sure you have booked your slot through the School Spider app. If you need assistance to book a slot, please speak to the office. Please note, children are not to be brought to the parents evening. Each appointment is 5 minutes, please do not be offended if a teacher ends the conversation beyond this time as we are trying hard not to inconvenience other parents and families.

Junior Parents' evening- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 3:30- 6pm

Infant Parents' Evening- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 3:30- 6pm

### **Lenten Fundraising in the Junior Department**

The children in KS2 have decided on some ways to raise money for charity in Lent. Next week there will be some more Lenten fundraising activities in the Junior Department.

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March, Saint Bernadette's house will be having a cake sale at break time. Cakes will be 50p. If your child would like a cake, please bring 50p.

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, Saint Teresa's house are inviting children to come to school in their pyjamas and are kindly requesting a £1 donation if children would like to join in.

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, St Matthew's house will be holding a makers' market. All items under a £1

Thank you for your support with our fundraising.

### **Raising Awareness of Factors that Impact on Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing.**

As we continue on our journey to support your child's mental health and wellbeing, we want to invite you to a workshop led by Kate Brown, our school Drama Therapist.

Kate will share with you the factors (ACEs) that can impact on children's wellbeing in their normal daily lives, but can have a long-lasting effect.

Kate has already delivered this session to all our teachers and TAs and they found it extremely thought provoking, not only in a school setting but also in their own personal lives.

Refreshments will be available and Kate will be available to answer any questions you may have following the session which will take place on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, at 9am in the Infant Hall.

### **Easter Events**



### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March

As part of our Easter Events we are inviting children in Years 1 to 6 to decorate an egg at home and bring it in to school for Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March. You can use a hard-boiled egg for this. (Please make sure the egg is hard-boiled and completely cooled down before decorating!) Children can decorate it by colouring, painting, drawing on it, sticking things on to it or make it in to a character or use it in a scene etc. Your child can be as creative as they like!

On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March children in Nursery and Reception are invited to join in our Easter Bonnet Parade. Please prepare your child's Easter Bonnet ready to show in the Parade.

### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Year 6 children will take part in the Stations of the Cross Liturgy in the Junior Hall at 2.45pm. Year 6 parents/carers are welcome to come along for this special service.

### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Our traditional Easter Passion play presented by the Year 2 children will take place in the Infant Hall at 9am. Year 2 parents/carers are welcome to join us.

School closes at 1.30 pm on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

### Virtues and Values

This half term we are growing to be 'Faith Filled and Hopeful.' We will be promoting these values in school through our collective worship and in discussions with the children. Each week a child in each class will be chosen for a special certificate for using these values and will have afternoon tea with Mrs Seaborn.

***"Faith-filled in their beliefs and hopeful for the future."***

### Attendance

Every day counts! This half term there will be 3 x £10 KFC vouchers in a prize draw for KS2 children with 100% attendance. In KS1 there will be a £30 ASDA voucher up for grabs for a child with 100% attendance.

<b>Nursery</b>	<b>90.8%</b>	<b>Year 3D</b>	<b>96.6%</b>
<b>Reception S</b>	<b>94.5%</b>	<b>Year 3R</b>	<b>96.3%</b>
<b>Reception J</b>	<b>93.8%</b>	<b>Year 4L</b>	<b>94.1%</b>
<b>Year 1B</b>	<b>93.6%</b>	<b>Year 4S</b>	<b>96.3%</b>
<b>Year 1L</b>	<b>92.9%</b>	<b>Year 5H</b>	<b>97.0%</b>
<b>Year 2C</b>	<b>96.3%</b>	<b>Year 5W</b>	<b>95.8%</b>
<b>Year 2G</b>	<b>95.0%</b>	<b>Year 6B</b>	<b>94.9%</b>
		<b>Year 6C</b>	<b>96.4%</b>

<b>Dates for the Diary</b>	
19/3/24	Junior Parents' Evening
20/3/24	Infant Parents' Evening
22/3/24	Raising Awareness of Factors that Impact on Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing Workshop- 9am Infant Hall.
26/3/24	EYFS Easter Bonnet Parade Y1- Y6 Decorate an Egg competition
27/3/24	Stations of the Cross Liturgy for Y6 parents 2:45pm (Junior Hall)
28/3/24	Easter Play (Year 2) – Year 2 Parents welcome 9 am (Infant Hall)
28/3/24	School closes for Easter at 1:30pm