

St George's R.C Primary School Newsletter

March 2019

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Lent began on Wednesday 6th March 2019



~ WELCOME ~ WORD ~ WORSHIP ~ WELFARE ~ WITNESS ~

"Lent comes providentially
to reawaken us,
to shake us
from our lethargy."

Pope Francis

St Patrick's Day!

Year 5 will be celebrating their Patron Saint's day on
Thursday 14th March (for the 17th).

Year 5 are allowed to wear their own clothes and they
have prepared a Celebration for us all about the life
and ministry of St Patrick. 9:00 on 14/3/18

EVERYONE VERY WELCOME!



ORANGE DAY! Friday 22nd March

Go orange for York Rescue Boat!

We are asking children to wear
something **ORANGE** to school on
Friday 22nd March to support York
Rescue Boat.

A hair ribbon, orange socks, orange t-
shirt, orange **PANTS (!)** ~ anything
you like!

York Rescue Boat is run by volunteers
and they receive no funding. They
have already saved several lives this
year alone.

The team are the only fully qualified
flood and river rescue technicians in
York. The nearest qualified fire rescue
team is based in Selby.

Please send in a small donation to
help this worthy cause. Thank you.

JOB VACANCY

We need a Midday Supervisory Assistant (dinner
lady) to help in school during lunchtime.

If you are interested in taking on this very
important role please

call in to the office and see

Lorraine.

Thank you very much!



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LENT IN SCHOOL 2019

This year the children and adults can choose 1 of 4 things to do for Lent. Each child and adult will decide what to do and will then wear a special coloured band to denote their choices. These bands will be given out next Wednesday 13th March when we will be welcoming Bishop Terence Patrick Drainey in to school for a very special visit. Bishop Terry will also be blessing our nursery during his special visit.

The coloured bands denote the following:

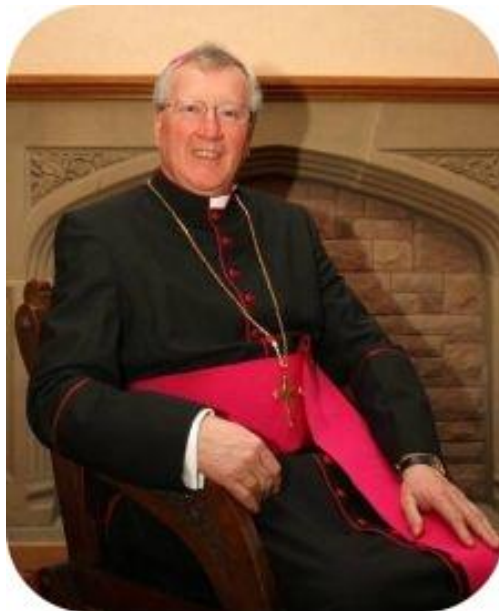
Purple band ~ FASTING ~ this is when we can choose to give something up such as sweets (we can put the money aside and donate it if we like)

Blue band ~ Caring for Creation ~ this is taking a much more active role in recycling and not using single use plastics ~ please remember to send in cups in pack ups instead of bottles of water or other single use plastic bottles

Orange band ~ Giving ~ we can donate money to CAFOD in the special boxes that are going home ~ we can give of our time, talents and energy. Children can help more in the house.

Yellow band ~ Praying ~ we have made special 'Prayer Journeys' for any child who chooses to pray during Lent. The children can collect pages after Mrs Statham's Monday Gospel assembly. There will be activities in the journals for children to do and lots of ideas for praying together as a family.

Bishop Terence Patrick Drainey, seventh Bishop of Middlesbrough, will be visiting St George's RC School on Wednesday 13th March. The children have been learning all about Bishop Terry in preparation for his visit. We are all very excited!



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Lent 2019 ~ A special message from our Chaplaincy teams

Dear Parents and Carers,

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which this year is on 6th March. Lent is a season of preparation, when we are invited to change our lives so we can experience fully the joy of Easter.

As Pope Francis said in 2015, "Lent is a time of renewal for the whole Church, for each community and every believer."

Traditionally, Christians make an effort during Lent to pray more, to give something up or fast and to give money to people in need. This year at St George's School, we are adding another action – Care for Creation.

We hope that our Lenten activities will complement what you may already be doing at home. In school, children will be supported during Lent in liturgies, assemblies and RE lessons by staff and Junior Chaplaincy members. They will make a Lenten promise and aim to do at least one thing from the following areas: Pray – Fast – Give – Care for Creation

Pray

Prayer Journey

Alongside our class liturgies, Masses and celebrations, pupils will be able to take part in a "Prayer Journey" created by the Chaplaincy team.

Every week, they will be able to reflect more deeply at home on the Sunday Gospel, following the *Gather, Word, Response, Mission* format.

The Prayer Journey is designed to be simple to use and suitable for families. Pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 may also be able to use it for personal prayer.

More details will follow.

Prayer Stations

The Chaplaincy team will be setting up Lenten prayer stations around school during Lent. They will give pupils and staff the opportunity to pray in different creative ways. Look out for details on social media.

Fast

Cake Sales will take a break during Lent. They will resume after Easter.

Give

This Lent we will be supporting CAFOD's Give it Up Challenge.

Each family will receive a collection box for any coins – either spare change or money saved by giving up something. Even the smallest coins will make a big difference when we collect them all together.

Care for Creation

Children and adults will make an effort to reduce what we use and not waste resources, to reuse things and to recycle.

We will be caring for our natural surroundings at school and where we live.

Ash Wednesday ~ the beginning of LENT

We went to church on Wednesday 6th March for Mass where we received ashes.

Bishop's Visit

Bishop Terry Draney will be visiting school on Wednesday 13th March. He will join us for celebration, visit each class and bless our new nursery.

Wishing you a blessed Lent!

The Chaplaincy teams



Gentle reminder:

Please remember **NOT** to park in our very small staff car park! Thank you!



YOUTH NEWS

If you can help with a new Youth initiative which is being run by St George's Church York and St Aelred's Church (216 Fifth Avenue, York), please see Mrs Iggulden. The churches are trying to put a team of leaders together to help run important events for young people.

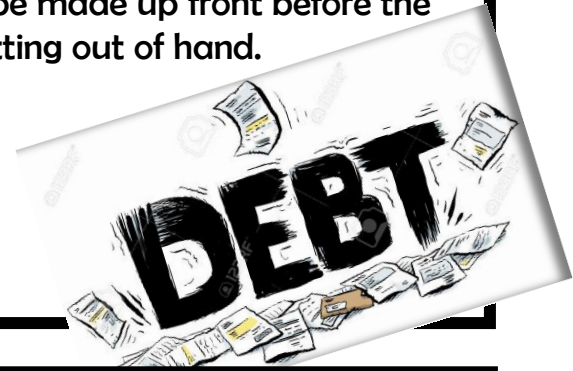
PAYMENTS

Please note that as a school, we are obliged to prevent anyone from getting into debt.

We cannot let anyone owe money for any service that we provide at school.

Payments for breakfast, Dragons' den and dinners must be made up front before the service is provided to assist parents and prevent debts getting out of hand.

THANK YOU very much.



SAFEGUARDING NEWS

We have some information we would like to share with you regarding an on-line grooming incident that has happened to a child in Hob Moor Primary through an app called imvu.

This game is marketed to children and they are asked to create characters that they can personalise. They are then invited to "role play" by entering chat rooms which are based on different social situations.

A child at Hob Moor school whilst playing this game, has been targeted and persistently pursued by an adult who sent escalating sexualised messages that were increasingly threatening. The Police have been informed and are dealing with this seriously.



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A special message and request from Mr Norman Fowler

Dear Parents,

It is my great pleasure to teach St George's School Choir each Thursday.

The children sing with such enthusiasm and joy. They make this session great fun for everyone involved. I have two events which I would like the choir to be part of if possible.

On Sunday May 5th there is a concert at Joseph Rowntree Theatre. As well as my band, we have Andrea Begley returning to sing. She is simply astonishing. She won The Voice and lives in Ireland. She appeared on our last concert and was superb.

St George's Choir always make a great impression on these shows. With your permission they will wow the audience again!

Some years ago I wrote a musical play called A Hunger. It was performed by St George's School at Joseph Rowntree theatre. The story starts in Ireland at the time of the potato famine and follows a family fleeing from starvation and ending up in Walmgate York.

I am teaching the songs to the Choir and would like them to appear in a new production taking place on June 27th and 28th at The Early Music Centre in Walmgate.

Last time children played all the parts, this time we will have adults playing the adults and children being children!

The children will learn the songs in school but nearer the time of the production there will be some Sunday afternoon rehearsals.

Please let me know if you would like your child to be part of these two events.

The children will be an important element of the production. We also need parents who can assist on the technical/costume part of the production as well as a few who will sit with the children in costume and possibly have a few lines to perform.

Best wishes

Norman Fowler

Lastly, a big thank you from me for continuing to support St George's school so much. It is vital that school and parents work together so that the children receive the best possible education. St George's is OUR school. Let's all continue to work together to keep it fantastic.

Thank you!

Mrs Statham x

