

February News from Mrs Statham



In his encyclical Laudato Si, Pope Francis says:
“There is little in the way of clear awareness of problems which especially affect the excluded. Yet they are the majority of the planet’s population, billions of people.”
He goes on to say:
“We all know that it is not possible to sustain the present level of consumption in developed countries and wealthier sectors of society, where the habit of wasting and discarding has reached unprecedented levels. The exploitation of the planet has already exceeded acceptable limits and we still have not solved the problem.”

Pope’s Synod for Children

Mrs Statham and Mrs Iggulden interviewed every Catholic child from years 3-6 to get their feedback for Pope Francis.

We asked them about their hopes & fears and about their thoughts on church and Mass.

The children’s hopes for the future were:

- For people to look after the world
- For all animals to be looked after
- For COVID to disappear
- For people to stop using plastic

Their fears were:

- That a family member might get unwell
- That the world would be destroyed through climate change
- That more animal species might die out
- That Lockdown might return

Their thoughts on church and Mass were:

- Church feels like a safe place
- Mass is a good time to be still and silent and listen to God
- When you understand what is going on in Mass it is really lovely

The children also said that they enjoy Children’s liturgy at church but once you have made your First Holy Communion you have to join in with the ‘Big Mass’ and they think there should be a step in between for them.

Mrs Statham has sent all of the feedback to the Diocese to be sent to the Synod in Rome.



During LENT, which begins on Wednesday 2nd March, we will be looking at ways to look after the planet.

The children want people to stop cutting down trees in the Rainforest and to stop using plastic etc.

Our new group GUARDIANS OF THE PLANET will be leading an assembly explaining to the children that these things happen because WE are consumers. We will be looking at what WE can do to halt the chain of tree cutting and single use plastic etc.

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

We are also holding a special LENT photography competition with prizes in each year group. The children will be asked to take a SINGLE photo which represents LENT.....

LENT is the ancient word for SPRING so children might look for flowers or lambs etc.

We will launch this super competition after half term!

The competition will be judged by a photography teacher!

We are very excited about this project!



PRAY ~ FAST ~ GIVE ~ CARE FOR CREATION

LOCAL AREA CO-ORDINATOR (LAC)NEWS!

We are delighted to let parents know that we are working with ALICE HAWKEN who is the Fishergate, Fulford and Heslington Area's new LAC.

Support is offered to people who feel isolated and vulnerable due to age, frailty, disability or mental health needs or for any other reason(s). Residents can introduce themselves or be introduced to their LAC by anyone (GPs, local councillors, professionals, local people, neighbours, friends, relatives, voluntary organisations, local clubs and activities). The types of support offered by a LAC are but not limited to:

- helping you access a wide range of information
- identify and navigate complex health and social care systems
- develop relationships and community networks
- getting your voice heard about things that are important to you
- helping you find volunteering opportunities
- find practical ways of doing the things you want or need to do



There are no lengthy referral forms, criteria or assessments so just get in touch with Alice directly!!

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Legal advice

Open to all parents, providing free legal advice
Every Tuesday, 12:00 - 13:00
York St John University Campus, room DG/011

Dad's group

Social group open to fathers and father and babies
Every Tuesday, 13:00 - 14:00
York St John University Campus, room DG/011

Online dad's group

Social group open to fathers and father and babies
Every Thursday, 19:30 - 20:30
Meeting ID: 873 4393 9324
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Reception and KS1 news

We are launching our NEW and very exciting electronic reading book scheme after half term!

Children will still take 'real' books home but they will also have one of our new 'e-books' to read.

Please remember it is VITAL that you write in your child's reading record so that we can monitor their reading progress.

You need to write in when they read a real book and when they read one of our new e-books.

Thank You!

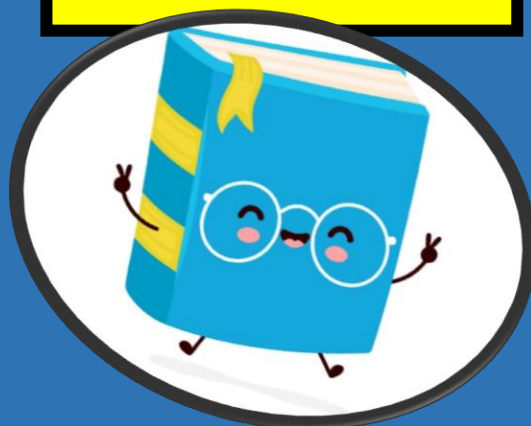
The Reading Team

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB NEWS

Next term we are running football, multi-skills and multi-sports clubs!

Mr Ainsworth has sent out all of the letters and places will be allocated ASAP. If your child does not get one of the limited places next term, they will be able to join in the summer term.

We expect outstanding behaviour and respect at all times and your child will lose their privilege of attending a club if their behaviour is causing concern in school or at any of the clubs.



Wishing you all a relaxing Half Term Break. See you all on Monday 28th February

Mrs Statham x