



28th February 2020

NEWSLETTER

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HEADLINE NEWS

The children marked the beginning of LENT with a lovely service in St Thomas' Church for Ash Wednesday. It was a time to reflect on the meaning of LENT and think about our Christian Value of SERVICE. The staff and children all received the ashes drawn on their forehead to signify this important period in the Christian calendar.

This was followed on Thursday by a special assembly led by Mrs Butt who talked to us about our friends in Tanzania and in particular Nuru who, thanks to our fundraising, is now in Year 9 in school. Mrs Butt also sold biscuits and gifts in aid of the charity. SEED is our chosen international charity which pays for the education of children who live in poverty in villages in Africa and would not otherwise receive this basic right.

This money allows Nuru to go to school as well as paying for other equipment / essentials such as books, mattresses and water. It also enables our children to think about others who are less fortunate than themselves during the Lent period.

World Book Day Thursday 5th March

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. The children are asked to let their imaginations run wild and come to school dressed as an alien to help us enjoy the day. Parents are also invited into school to a 'Reading Café' from 2.30pm where they can read with their child whilst enjoying refreshments in school free of charge.



'Evidence suggests that **children who read** for enjoyment every day not only perform **better** in **reading** tests than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a **better** understanding of other cultures.'

Pupil and Parent Progress Plan: Week Commencing 2nd March 2020—no clubs (pto)

SCHOOL LUNCHTIME MENU Week 3 next week.

Meals are £2.30 each, £11.50 a week. Payments online via SIMS PAY.

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Headteachers: Mrs Caroline Ireland and Mrs Paula Glynn

Extra Curricular Clubs—3.20 until 4.15pm

(unless you are informed otherwise)

All extra curricular clubs including Fixit clubs are cancelled next week due to the Parent Pupil Progress Plan meetings (4Ps).

Mrs Curtis's Booster group will still be on as well as music tuition / brass lessons.

Park Run on Sunday at Alex Park

School will be attending the Park Run this Sunday 1st March and anyone who wishes to join us is very welcome. Meet at the Lion's Den at 8.50am with some warm running gear on and we will see you there!

FAIRTRADE ASSEMBLY

Today, to celebrate Fairtrade fortnight, Years 2-6 were treated to a special assembly. Our guest, Judith Haughton, spoke with us about Fairtrade in Oldham and the journey of a banana, from farmer to shop shelves. The children may now be on the lookout for the Fairtrade logo when you next do your 'big shop'. Let them convince you to alter your shopping habits where possible.

Transition Survey coming out to all Y5 parents tonight in book bags. Please read and return.

Fundraising Events to come:

- ♦ 20/03/20 - 'Silly Socks' Non Uniform Day—fundraising for school & Down's Syndrome Association.
- ♦ 20/03/20 - Mother's Day Sale
- ♦ 21/04/20 - Bags2School
- ♦ 30/04/20 - 'Let Us Entertain You' Coffee Morning
- ♦ 20/05/20 - Spring Fair
- ♦ 19/06/20 - Father's Day Sale
- ♦ 13/07/20 - Bags2School