

St Willibrord's News



MR. MCIVER'S STARS OF THE WEEK!



As I am sure you are aware we had a visit from the school inspector this week (OfSTED) who came to look at how well they feel our school is performing. We do not get our official result for a few weeks and as soon as I have the report I will share this with you. I was extremely proud of all our children and staff who showed our visitor Mrs. Hughes what a special, loving and welcoming community St Willibrord's is. She commented on how polite the children were and how hard they all tried in our school. I feel that we were able to really show what a wonderful school we are and I was extremely proud of everyone. Thank you to all of our children and to all of our staff for all their hard work! Everybody are my stars of the week this week as I could not possibly single out a single child or person!

World Book Week

Next week we will have our World Book Week Celebrations in School. A reminder of our themes for each class is:

Nursery- The Gruffalo, Reception- Jack and The Beanstalk, Year 1- Who Wants a Dragon?, Year 2- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Year 3- The Twits, Year 4- Alice in Wonderland, Year 5- James and the Giant Peach, Year 6- Tales from Narnia, The Ark- Noah's Ark

The children will be dressing up on THURSDAY. If you cannot stick to your class theme don't worry - any costume from a book is fine! On Wednesday all children will be completing craft activities making parts of their costumes for the following day.

ON FRIDAY you are invited to come and visit your child's class at 2:45pm to see all of the fantastic work that has been created in the week. Please enter through the main school entrance.

What's happening this half term?

Next week	World Book Week for all classes Mass Year 1 Class Photos (Wednesday)
Week beginning 13/03	Assembly—Year 4 Mass—Year 6 Year 6 to Irish Festival (Monday) CAFOD assembly
Week beginning 20/3	Assembly—Year 3 Mass - Year 2
Week beginning 27/03	Assembly - Year 6 Mass - Year 5 Parent's Evening (Wednesday)
Week beginning 03/04	Assembly - Year 1 Mass - Year 3
Week beginning 10/04	Mass for whole school (Either Monday or Tuesday) School finishes for Easter Holiday on Thursday at 1:00pm Stations of the Cross in Church on Friday morning

St. Joseph's Penny- Collecting for Caritas

As you may already know, it is a tradition in Catholic Schools that during the season of Lent we raise money for Catholic Charities. The money that is raised goes a long way to helping the Caritas Charity to support families in crisis in the Salford Diocese. For more information about the valuable work that Caritas does, please visit: www.caritassalford.org.uk

When you have filled your 'St. Joseph's Penny' box, please send it into school and we will empty it and return it to you, to enable you to continue raising money throughout the whole of Lent. Remember: "Every coin helps make a happy home!"

Thank you so much for all your efforts with this particular fundraising event over the past few Lenten periods. We are very grateful for your kindness and generosity and hope that you will continue to support this worthwhile cause again this year.

Thank you for your support

Mrs Finlay

What can we do for Lent?

ALMSGIVING

A big part of Lent is always thought to be about 'giving up' something. This should not be everything though! As well as trying to give something up we should concentrate on ALMSGIVING. Whenever we are giving something up, we should either give the money we have saved to something worthy (like St Joseph's Penny) or we can make a donation.

Over Lent we would like to have our school's almsgiving as items that are needed by those less fortunate than us. We would like to donate those items that we bring into school to CARITAS charities—these are charities organised by the Catholic church.

Next week could we please have donations of tinned food. We will have a different theme each week for our collections.

DOING SOMETHING EXTRA

Rather than just giving up a physical thing like chocolate or sweets for Lent, probably the most precious thing we can give up is some of our time. Why not try during Lent to commit to going to Mass every Saturday evening or Sunday morning?

We will also have the opportunity for children to take part in saying the Rosary each Thursday dinnertime in the prayer room.