



# NEWSLETTER

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a really busy week with lots of events going on this week. On Wednesday and Thursday all of the classes visited the chapel to receive their ashes for Ash Wednesday, if they wished to do so. This now marks the beginning of Lent leading up to Easter. It also meant lots of pancakes were made on Tuesday, which was a very popular activity.

On Thursday we had our celebration of World Book Day, with all of the students and staff dressing up in their favourite book characters. Everybody looked fantastic and there were lots of brilliant costumes. It was a great day and we ended it with a procession in the school hall so we could all see each other's costumes and everyone was able to receive their prizes.

Today we learnt about the significance and meaning of Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday in our assemblies and we ended the week with a very enthusiastic singing practise. The students and staff are really enjoying being able to come together again and celebrate as a community.

I would like to take this opportunity to let you all know that we have made an alteration to our school calendar for this academic year. In line with The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations each school has been granted an extra days holiday to take during term time. We will therefore not return to school until Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June following our half term break in the summer term, not Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June as stated on our calendar for the year.

I do ask that you continue to test children twice a week to keep everyone safe, despite recent national relaxations of Covid 19 measures.

Have a lovely weekend.

Stuart Bruce  
Assistant Head of School

## **Jubilee Class**

Dear Friends and Family,

This has been a VERY busy week for Jubilee class. We celebrated Pancake Day on Tuesday and we used up all of our eggs, lemon juice and golden syrup! We had a class discussion about what we SHOULD give up for lent and most staff and learners agreed that it should be ... CHOCOLATE .... BUT .... IN ALL HONESTY, IT WOULD BE THE MOST DIFFICULT THING TO DO! Therefore we decided we will be eating healthy snacks until the end of March. We visited Father Paul in the Chapel on Wednesday and he blessed us after making a cross on our forehead with ashes.

Thursday we celebrated World Book Day and it was FUN. We have sent a photo of each learner in Jubilee Class home in the communication books. Most of the learners took part in the parade and staff joined in dressed in their costumes. Each year more and more staff join in and this time the nursing team, admin staff from the office, Mr Way and Mr Bruce followed suit. On Friday we had our Lent assembly and we completed the week with certificates and singing assembly at the end of the day.

We wish you a fun filled weekend!

Warm regards

Mrs C

## **Winston**

Happy Friday from The Winston Team.

We have had a great week, the highlight has been World Book Day and some of the amazing costumes the young people wore. We also made pancakes on Pancake Day and everyone enjoyed them.

We also had a visit to the chapel for Ash Wednesday and Father Paul blessed Winston class, everyone enjoyed it and everyone was very respectful and well behaved.

As part of World Book Day Winston designed their own book covers and we had some great work produced.

I feel that the class has worked really hard this week on their City and Guilds but also learning about Lent, Pancake Day and World Book Day.

We have also enjoyed a game of in class bowling where we use numeracy skills to count and keep scores. We have danced every day now that we have the internet working properly and the students produced some great stained glass windows for art.

Have a great weekend!

Mel and The Winston Team

## **Pippin Class**

Pippin class have had a very busy week, we have made pancakes and decorated pancake faces. We really enjoyed dressing as characters from the Hungry Caterpillar for World Book Day and learnt about Lent in assembly.

Many thanks

Charlotte and the team

## **Discovery Class**

Discovery class have been very busy this week.

We celebrated Shrove Tuesday with pancakes and then went to the chapel for an Ash Wednesday service.

On Thursday we celebrated World Book Day. We chose to do the story the Rainbow Fish. We explored the story using sensory experiences and then completed some arts and crafts activities. We made class collages using tissue paper and handprint fish shapes. We then used balloons to make 3D rainbow fish. We then went into the hall at the end of the day to share our costumes and our work with the rest of the school.

In RE today we have continued to look at the creation story and explored different elements of the world God made us. We thought about animals today and used different methods to colour in animal pictures to add to our collage we started last week.

We welcome Amy to the Discovery team as a full time teacher. We are very pleased she has come to join us and look forward to lots of fun and learning with her.

This week our star of the week is Max. Max joined in really well in Sensory Journey and Star Club, clapping his hands with the music and going through the tunnel!

Have a great weekend,

Gill, Amy and the rest of Discovery team

## **Bramley Class**

Hello from Bramley Class,

This week has been very eventful with lots to celebrate with Pancake Day, Ash Wednesday and World Book Day! We have really enjoyed taking part in activities for the start of Lent including going to the chapel to see Father Paul for our ashes (if we chose to). World Book Day was lots of fun and we all dressed up in Bramley Class. We had a modern twist on Aladdin theme as we had Jasmine, Aladdin, Abu, a Space Man and a Knight! We loved getting involved and joining up with all our friends in the school hall for a big parade! We all got certificates, a book and some chocolate/chocolate mousse! We also enjoyed our assembly this week learning about Lent and showing pictures of our favourite foods and toys. Our 'Star of the Week' this week was Immy for his fantastic participation in World Book Day and for his positive interactions with a range of staff throughout the week. Well done Immy – we are so proud of you!

We hope you have a lovely weekend!

Chloe and the Bramley Team

## **Stirling Class**

This week in Stirling Class we have been working very hard. We have taken part in World book Day on Thursday, some of us dressed up (including the staff) and we played the mask reader game. We were very good at identifying the celebrity and what book they were reading, some of them were our favourite books.

On Tuesday we cooked pancakes. We had good fun in the kitchen making the batter, frying the pancakes, choosing our toppings and best of all eating them.

We went to the chapel on Wednesday, and for those of us who wanted we were able to have ashes put on our heads by Father Paul, after looking at the Stations of the Cross.

This week in science we looked at the digestive system, we made simulated stomachs using sandwich bags, cola and bread. By doing this we were able to see how food is digested in our stomachs, but it looked disgusting!

The Stirling Class Team