



NEWSLETTER

*We are growing together on our journey of achievement
with Jesus in our hearts, heads and hands*

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Friday 1st March 2019

We have been blessed with the most beautiful weather this week and there are many signs that Spring is here. As the daffodils begin to bloom, we focus our minds to a busy month ahead.

On Monday 19th March we will celebrate the feast of St Joseph. Every child will be taking part in 'woodwork' activity and learning more about this wonderful role model, our Patron Saint. If you can offer any skills and talents to support this day, please contact your class teacher.

Today is St David's Day; Saint David, or Dewi Sant as he's called in the Welsh language. He is the Patron Saint of Wales and his influence is shown in the number of churches dedicated to him in Wales and the celebrations on Saint David's Day worldwide. This is a Prayer inspired by Saint David:

Dear God,

Help us to turn away from the busy things of this world and think more about your love and goodness.

Help us to work hard and to live simply so we are able to help others.

Help us to serve once another and to do the little things that make such a difference.

Amen.

As always, please contact the class teacher or head/deputy headteacher if you have any questions or concerns about your child; we are striving to improve our school and welcome your suggestions. This half term we will be asking for your feedback via parent questionnaires. to parent.

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Disco

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the disco event.

We are proud to have made a very impressive £807.

This means we can pay for all the utensils and equipment we need in the pupil cooking area and hopefully some stools too!

How blessed we are to have such supportive community, class reps and also to have Lucas and Jessica's Dad who is the best DJ in the area!

Book Day – for ALL!

Reminder that Tuesday 5 March is a 'different' day.

We encourage every child and adult to dress up but would like to be very clear, there is **no expectation to spend huge sums of money** on a costume.

We encourage children to use costumes they have at home, borrow something or make something (and if in doubt, come in home clothes as a 'child who reads' or in their PJs)!

Some ideas for cheap and easy costumes are:

Pjs - David Walliams' Midnight Gang

School uniform – Child from Matilda's class

Dressed in adult clothes- librarian or teacher

Own clothes – a child who likes books!



Sports week

Mrs M is busy arranging a jam-packed week celebrating sports for the week beginning 24th June. Please let us know if you have a contact for any person who would come in and talk to the children and/or run an active session.

So far we have coaches for: cricket, basketball, cheerleading! All very exciting.

RED DAY – Monday 10th June

As a Catholic school, Pentecost is an important feast Day. This year it falls on Sunday 9th June and we would like to celebrate this by having a 'red day' in school on Monday 11th June.

This will be symbolic of the Disciples in the upper room and the gift of the Holy Spirit. We invite pupils to come to school dressed in all reds, oranges, yellow clothes on 10th June.

55% of our Parents have downloaded the ParentMail app. It is the most effective way to communicate so please give it a try.



Attention all parents!

Download the ParentMail App for the best way to pick up school messages

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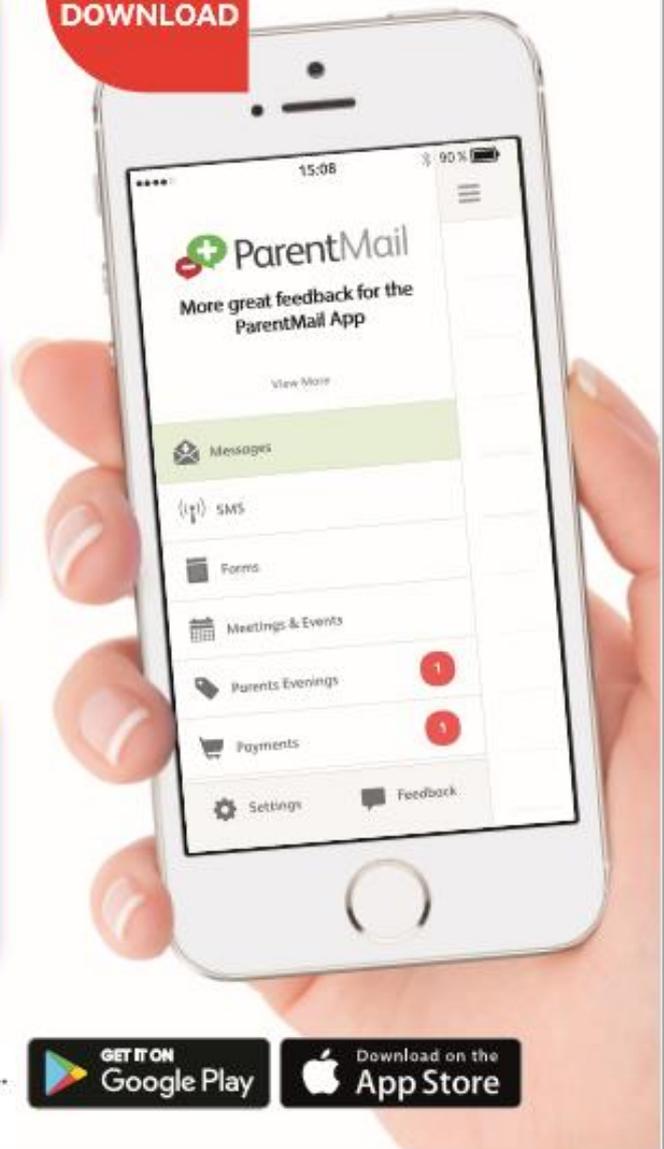
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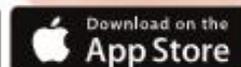
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"Brilliant! I don't have to go back to all my emails to check up what's going on at my children's school, 10 out of 10"



Search "ParentMail" in your App store...



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Please note: If you are not already registered, you will need to register online on the ParentMail website before trying to access the App. Please ask the school office to send you a registration message

Attention: Lunch change!

On Tuesday 5th March, there is a change to the school dinner menu. The menu will be:

Chicken Nuggets & Chips

Quorn nuggets & chips

Jacket Potato with cheese

Carrots/Green beans

and...

As it is Shrove Tuesday..... Pancakes!



Trampoline Triumph!

Well done to Elsie who took part in a trampoline competition at Edgebarrow Trampolining Club. She was awarded 1st place with a score of 72.51. Great work Elsie!

Wonderful Winners!

We are very proud of our netball team who won their first league game on Wednesday.

They hosted the match against St. Mary's Winkfield and were delighted with their 30-3 win.

We look forward to the next match which is away to Whitegrove next Friday.



Please send in your child's achievements via email so we can share them in the newsletter.



Invitation to Worship

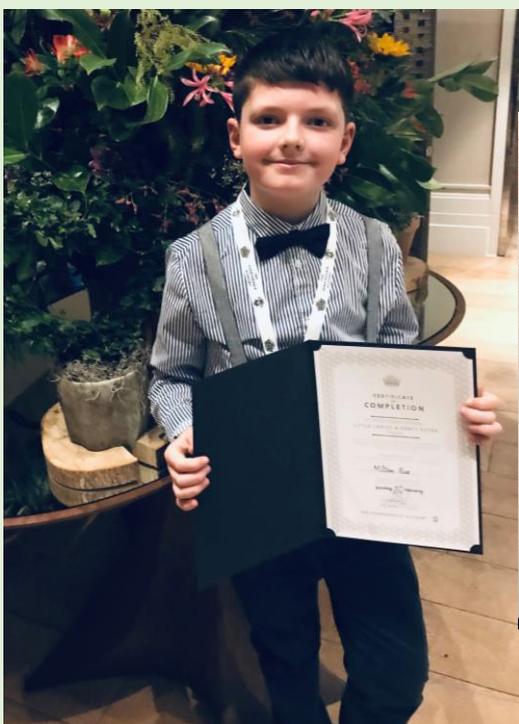
In Spring term, we would like to invite you to be a part of your child's class worship. It will be a lovely way to come and Pray with us and to see how our pupils lead worship in our school.

Friday 8th March 9am - Year 2 Worship

Friday 22nd March 9am – Year 1 Worship

Friday 29th March 9am – Year R Worship

Friday 5th April 1.30pm – Stations of the cross
(led by Year 5, all parents welcome)



Marvellous Milton!

Congratulations to Milton who has been awarded a certificate for the next level for “Little Gents Extra”. We are very proud of the work you are putting into social skills, confidence and relationships.

Mary's Meals

<https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>

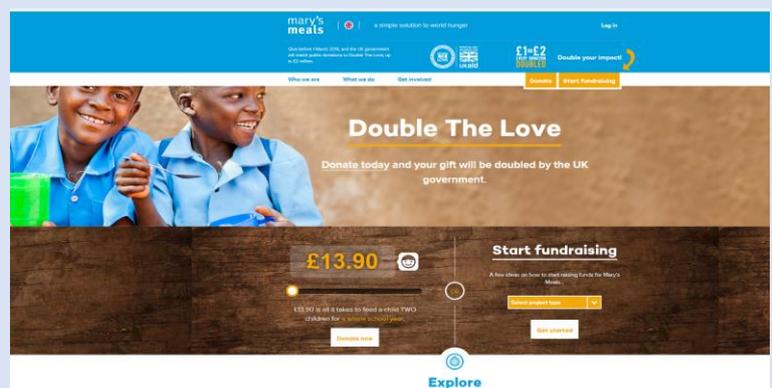
Mary's Meals is an inspiring charity who provide one good meal to some of the world's poorest children every school day. Their work is named after Mary, the mother of Jesus, who brought up her own child in poverty and their story is uplifting to hear. Please go to the link to read more.

This Ash Wednesday we will introduce the children to this wonderful charity 'Mary's Meals' as throughout Lent we will be aiming to reduce food waste in school and at home it seems a perfect fit to our mission as Christians.

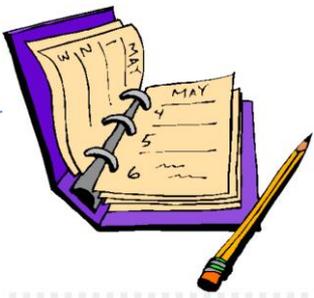
Next week, each family will be given a Mary's Meals collection box which will be handed back in to school after the Easter break and we ask that each family help us to reach our target. Our **target is to raise £278.00 for Mary's Meals, which will feed 20 school children for a year.**

Any spare pennies would be appreciated, especially if it comes from good deeds the children have done or from them going without something they love. Often we hear of 'giving up' but the real act of kindness is what we do with that giving up. We would love to tweet any ways your family raise money so please share them via email or twitter.

We are also encouraging 'Prayer Partners' which is a lovely idea you can bring into the home. In class we will put the names of every child and adult and pray for them each day (without them knowing). As we read in Matthew 6:34 Pray more, worry less and Lent seems the perfect time to listen to this message.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aFU8cU-clCs>



Term Dates for 2019



Spring Term (7th Jan-5th Apr)

Monday 7th January – Pupils back to School

Book Day – Tuesday 5th March

Ash Wednesday – Wednesday 6th March

Monday 18th – Friday 22nd – February Half Term

Monday 25th February - Pupils Back to school

Friday 5th April – End of term (School closes at 2.30pm)

Summer Term (23rd Apr-19th July)

Tuesday 23rd April – Pupils back to school

6th May - Bank Holiday

Monday 27th – Friday 31st May – Half Term

Monday 3rd June - Back to school

Monday 11th June – Red Day

Friday 19th July - End of term (School closes at 2.30pm)

Monday 22nd July – INSET DAY

Tuesday 23rd July – INSET DAY

The
Bracknell Forest

Cultural Festival

This is our 4th year celebrating the
strength and diversity of communities
in Bracknell Forest!

Free Bouncy
Castle!

Free food tasting

Sat 23rd
March
2019



Free
entertainment &
performances!



Free face
painting!



Free Tea &
Coffee!



10am - 2pm
at Bracknell &
Wokingham College

art

music

dance

food

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