



Extra Curriculum Activities

- **World Book Day** is just around the corner - **Thursday 2nd March**. Children are invited to come to school dressed up as a fictional or non-fictional character from their favourite book. If they would like to, children may also bring in a favourite book to share with their class for the day. We are excited to see all the costumes already!
- Year 5 and 6 travelled to **Warner Bros. Studios** to tour the set of **Harry Potter** on Tuesday this week. Feedback from staff and parent helpers on the trip was all extremely positive, the children all thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were extremely well behaved. Thank you very much to the PTA for covering the majority of the transport cost, making this trip more affordable to families. Thank you also to Mrs Gallie for organising, and all the staff and parent helpers for keeping the children safe on the day and ensuring they all had a wonderful time.
- Children from our KS2 Friday Morning Choir Club will be taking part in the **Tunbridge Wells Primary Singing Festival** on **Wednesday 22nd March at 19:30** at the Assembly Hall Tunbridge Wells. Tickets are on sale from the school office for **£5.00 each**. Numbers are limited so are sold on a first come basis. On Tuesday afternoon choir club children from Years 3 and 4 visited Southborough School, alongside other local primary schools to take part in rehearsals for the singing festival. Mrs Palourti, our Music Leader wanted to say she was extremely proud of all the children who visited Southborough School with her, they were all very well behaved and polite. Please do not forget to arrive promptly for choir club each week at 08:25 to ensure lots of practice is squeezed in before the big day!



Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural

- Parents and Carers are welcome to join our KS2 children for a special **Distribution of the Ashes** service lead by Deacon Kevin on Wednesday 1st March at 14:30.
- On Friday before half term we hosted another cake sale in support of our two Marathon runners and their chosen charities **Hospice in the Weald** and **UNICEF**. Thank you for all your wonderful cake donations and your generosity at the cake sale. We raised **£187.10** making our total from both cake sales **£343.27**. This will be divided between the two charities.
- Thank you to all the families who joined us in the playground this morning to help make our coin fish sculpture to launch our CAFOD **"Turn Little Fish into Big Fish"** Lenten appeal. We will let you know how much we raised next week.
- We thought you may like to know that the total amount raised in Term 3 for our chosen charities, **Hospice in the Weald**, **UNICEF** and the **NSPCC** was **£534.19**. Thank you as always for your continued generosity.

Class Assemblies

- The next class to present their class assembly is **3/4 St John** next Tuesday 28th February at 15:00. Families and friends are all welcome to join us. Please see dates below for more booked class assemblies.

Our Community

Thank you to all the families and dogs who joined Mr Wilson, our Family Liaison Officer, for his **Family Wellie Walk** on Tuesday in the half term - about 66 of you turned up which was a amazing number! Mr Wilson wanted to thank you all for coming. I hope you all enjoyed the walk in the sunshine and the opportunity for you all to socialise together with the children and strengthen the links in our community. We will let you know the date for the next Wellie Walk. Thank you Mr Wilson.

General and Reminders

- **Van Cols** the photographers have delivered proofs to school and these have all been sent home this week. The **DEADLINE** for returning orders to school is Tuesday 7th March. After this date you will have to place orders with Van Cold directly and pay their addition surcharge.
- **Menu Change** as previously advertised for next week to coincide with Ash Wednesday. See dates below.

Children's Voices

Marilly and Layana (5/6 St Mark) "On Tuesday we visited the Harry Potter Studios... each child was given little passports which we got stamped throughout the day. First we went through the Great Hall where some of the actual costumes that Harry Potter and the other characters wore in the movies were displayed. We went through a little door where all the props were displayed, so interesting to see in real life! We saw the Gryffindor common room, the Quidditch brooms, the 'Death Eaters' and Platform 9 ¾ where we were allowed on the train. We also visited 4 Privet Drive, the Wiggly Wobbly Bridge and we saw Diagon Alley. It was an exciting and magical day for all the children in Year 5/6!! We

PTA News

- Did You Know... PTA funds have, to date, covered the entire cost of coach hire for one school trip per class per year, regardless of distance. This has meant that each phase has been able to select their trip of choice, most suitable for their topic and are not restricted by proximity. This has also vastly reduced the amount of contribution requested from parents, all made possible **thanks to the money you have helped to**

ended our journey with fun karaoke in the coach on the way home!"

Max G (5/6 St Luke) "It was such an amazing experience for us all, we learnt so much! We got to see all the real props and sets, my favourite was the Great Hall and the original Harry Potter glasses. We learnt about the making of the films, the ideas that sparked the books and the movies. We had our photos taken on Quidditch brooms and robes - I was in Slytherin's team. The final part of the tour - what I had been waiting for... The sculpture of Hogwarts, it was absolutely amazing!!

raise by supporting the PTA.

- The PTA was able to **donate £727.00** from its fund towards the cost of the coaches for Year 5 and 6 to visit Warner Bros. Studio making it an affordable excursion for many families.
- Regretfully, because several fundraising events did not take place at the end of last year, the PTA can only continue funding school coaches at 80% of their cost going forward while funds are replenished. To ensure this is a temporary measure; **please continue to support upcoming PTA-led fundraising events.**

Thank you!

Sporting News

- Our **Year 5/6 Netball Team** took part in a match on Monday this week against St. Peter's School, Tunbridge Wells. The team consisted of Isabelle, Nushi, Roscoe, Lucas, Marly, Liberty and Gaby. All the children played brilliantly and tried their absolute best but sadly, this time they lost 4-3. We are still very proud of you all. Thank you for Mrs Berry, our PE and Sports Coordinator, for organising.

- On Wednesday our **Swim Gala Team** took part in the TWDPSSA Gala at the Tunbridge Wells Sports Centre. The swimmers were: Lucas, Niamh, Reece A, Katy B, Roscoe, Shona, Oliver G, Jessica D, Elena, Aidan W, Aidan P, Madeline, Lilia, Sam G and Kiara B.

Kiara came 1st out of the girl's divers and **Sam G** made it through to the finals and **came 4th** out of the boy's divers, the girls also **won the Girl's Relay!** **We came third** overall out of all the other schools who competed - well done to

you all!! Thank you to Mrs Berry for organising and all the parents and carers for supporting the children and enduring the late finish of 9.30pm! Mrs Berry wanted to say a huge well done to all the children for amazing

achievements but also a huge thank you to Mrs Bradbury (Roscoe's mum) for her continued help and support over the last month and her assistance in choosing and coaching the team is very appreciated.

- This afternoon our **Year 5/6 Football B Team** are heading off to Southborough School for a match. Good luck team! We will let you know how they got on next week.



Coming Up...

- Monday 27th February - **Menu Change** - Roast Turkey (R), Shepherdess Pie (G) or Jacket Potato (Y)
- Tuesday 28th February - Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day)
- Tuesday 28th February - 3/4 St John Class Assembly
- Wednesday 1st March - Ash Wednesday - Distribution of the Ashes Service at 14:30
- Wednesday 1st March - **Menu Change** - Quorn Sausages (R), Vegetable Pie (G) or Jacket Potato (Y)
- Thursday 2nd March - World Book Day
- Tuesday 7th March - 3/4 St Paul Class Assembly
- Tuesday 14th March - 5/6 St Patrick Class Assembly
- Tuesday 21st March - 5/6 St Luke Class Assembly
- Friday 24th March - EY and KS1 Mother's Day Service 14:15.
- Friday 24th March - PTA Easter Bingo (more details to follow)
- Wednesday 22nd March - Tunbridge Wells Primary Singing Festival 19:30.
- Friday 28th April - PTA Children's Disco (more details to follow)

Congratulations to our Award Winners

- **Attendance Ted:** 2 St Bernadette and 5/6 St Mark
- **Punctuality Pete:** R St Helena and 5/6 St Luke
- **Lunchtime Award:** Emili Bekteshi (St Patrick) and Davin Koothur (St Bernadette)
- **WOW:** 3/4 St Paul

CAFOD prayer inspired by this week's

Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34

God and Creator of our world, you have surrounded us with beauty and wonder. Help us to take our part in caring for the environment with respect and consideration for those in need. Amen.