



Extra Curriculum Activities

- Yesterday as you all know was a special day indeed, it was of course **World Book Day!** Children in every year group (and staff) were invited to come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book. What an impressive display of costumes, the children looked absolutely marvellous! A photographer from the **Times of Tunbridge Wells** visited in the morning and took pictures of some of the children dressed up for a special World Book Day article. Throughout the day children took part in book sharing with children in other year groups as well in their own class. It was a wonderful opportunity for all the children to share their favourite stories from the wonderful world of books with older and younger children. Thank you to all the parents



and carers for all the enormous effort they put in to their children's costumes and thank you to Mrs Edwards, our English Leader, for organising. Look out for our special feature in Wednesday's edition of the Times of Tunbridge Wells.

- Tickets are still available for 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**.
- Children in Year 5 have been invited to **St Gregory's School** for a **taster day** on Friday 17th March. Permission slips have been sent out via Parentmail and paper copies sent home too. Year 5 children will be walked over to St Gregory's with members of staff and will spend the whole day experiencing life in Secondary school. Mr McQuillan from St Gregory's will be accompanying the children back to St Augustine's in the afternoon and at 14:45 would like to speak to parents and carers of children in Years 4 and 5 about St Gregory's. Please come along if you are able to, particularly if you are considering St Gregory's as one of your secondary school choices.
- Mrs Martin (Jamey, Mataya and Lucya's mum) is now offering **Harp lessons** in school on a Thursday afternoon. Harp lessons are available from £13.75/month for a shared lesson or £27.50/month if you would prefer an individual lesson (based on ten lessons a term of fifteen minutes). No instrument needed until you are sure they like it. Small budget harps to play just for fun, start from £195. If you would like to know more about this exciting opportunity, please email Nikki at plinkplonkharp@hotmail.co.uk. If you would like to come and see the little harps used, come to St. Luke's church hall 14:00-16:00 on March 11th as over 20 children from different schools will be playing to their parents and each other. You are welcome to come and have a listen.

It is worth bearing in mind that Thursday afternoons is the day our Year 3, 4, 5 or 6swimmers have their school lessons. If your child is swimming, avoid booking Harp lessons for that particular term.

- We wanted to say a big well done to our pupils that competed in a **Judo Competition** last Saturday at Rose Hill School. Gold Medals were won by Alex S and Harley L (Year 3/4) and Silver medals were won by Zach D (Year 3/4) and Mason L (Year 1/2). Vic, their Judo instructor wanted to say, "They all did very well and were a real credit to the school and themselves." Well done children.



Class Assemblies

- **3/4 St John** presented their class assembly to parents and carers on Tuesday. The children explained the history and the traditions behind Pancake Day and Lent. Traditionally, rich foods such as eggs, chocolate, butter, sugar were given up for Lent. Pancakes were eaten because they helped use up the ingredients in the larder that would not be eaten during lent. Well done to all the children for their well presented

Easter

On the last day of this term, Friday 31st March, children in Reception and KS1 will be taking part in an **Easter Bonnet Parade** in the playground straight after morning registration. Children in these year groups will need their beautiful Easter bonnet in school on this day, so parents and carers... get making the loveliest bonnet around! Parents are welcome to stay in the playground after dropping their children off to watch the parade if they wish.

assembly. Thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to join us and thank you to Miss Curry, Class Teacher and Mrs Archer, Teaching Assistant for organising.

- The next class to present their class assembly is **3/4 St Paul** next Tuesday 7th March at 15:00. Families and friends are all welcome to join us.

Please see dates below for more booked class assemblies.

Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural

- We raised an impressive £30.00 from the **coin fish sculpture** in the playground last Friday. More fish sculptures will be displayed in the playground each Friday morning (weather permitting), thank you everyone for supporting our **CAFOD Lenten appeal**.
- We marked the beginning of Lent on Wednesday with a special service led by Deacon Kevin and the **distribution of the ashes**. The service was prayerful and respectful, thank you to Deacon Kevin for leading this. It was lovely that so many families were able to join us. Thank you also to Mrs Oubridge, our RE Leader, for all her hard work in organising the service, preparing the songs and decorating the altar so beautifully.

Sporting News

- Last Friday our **Year 5/6 Football B Team** visited Southborough School for a match. The children taking part were Dan C, Max G, Luke W, Roscoe B, Jake C, Matthew D, Lucas W and Joe G. Sadly this time we were not triumphant, the score was 4-3 to Southborough. Better luck next time boys. Thank you to Mrs Berry, our PE and Sports Coordinator, for organising and to Mr Wilson, FLO, for accompanying the children to match.
- Sadly our Wednesday lunchtime **Tag Rugby Club** run by Steve Hough is not going to continue anymore due to poor attendance. Apologies for the short notice and disappointment. Mrs Berry has informed the children. We would like to thank Mr Hough for running the club every week until now.

Coming Up...

- Tuesday 7th March - 3/4 St Paul Class Assembly
- Tuesday 7th March - Van Cols Photo Deadline
- Tuesday 14th March - 5/6 St Patrick Class Assembly
- Friday 17th March - Year 5 Children to St Gregory's School Taster Day
- Tuesday 21st March - 5/6 St Luke Class Assembly
- Wednesday 22nd March - Tunbridge Wells Primary Singing Festival 19:30
- Friday 24th March - EY and KS1 Mother's Day Service 14:15
- Friday 24th March - PTA Easter Bingo (more details to follow)
- Friday 31st March - EY and KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade
- Friday 31st March - Last Day of Term 4
- Friday 14th April - Good Friday
- Sunday 16th April - Easter Sunday
- Monday 17th April - Easter Monday - Bank Holiday (No School for children)
- Tuesday 18th April - First Day of Term 5
- Friday 28th April - PTA Children's Disco (more details to follow)

Congratulations to our Award Winners

- **Attendance Ted:** 1 St Theresa and 3/4 St John
- **Punctuality Pete:** 2 St Bernadette and 3/4 St Peter
- **Lunchtime Award:** Benedict J (2 St Bernadette) and Shona P and Eve S (5/6 St Luke)
- **Tidy Classroom Award:** 3/4 St Peter
- **WOW:** 5/6 St Patrick

General and Reminders

Van Cols the photographers are collecting the photo orders on **Tuesday 7th March**. After this date you will have to place orders with Van Cols directly and pay their additional surcharge.

PTA News

- Thank you to all the children who came to last Friday's **Film Night** showing of Finding Dory. The evening was a huge success and the children were very well behaved. Thank you to all the PTA members for all the organising, food preparation, supervision of the children, setting up and clearing away on the night.
- See dates below for more exciting upcoming PTA events.

Our Community

- **St Augustine's Nursey** are looking to appoint a Chair Person and a Secretary on a voluntary basis to join their committee of parents. The Chair role includes working closely with the manager and being a figurehead for the nursery. The Secretarial role includes taking minutes of meetings when required. For more information please contact Mandy Day, Nursery Manager on 01892 542783.
- Children in Years 5 and 6 have recently taken part in a poster competition being run by the Borough Council to promote the **new 20mph zones** that are being created in the St John's area. We had several runners up from our school and the overall winner! To celebrate their achievement, those children have been chosen to represent the school at the launch of the new 20mph zone, taking place in Newlands Road on Friday 10th March, attended by the Mayor of Tunbridge Wells and the Chief of Police. All the posters were wonderful so well done to all the children involved.

CAFOD prayer inspired by this week's Gospel:

Matthew 4:1-11

Christ Jesus, help us to follow your example, to try to do what we know is right and to do all that we can so that all people can live their lives to the full. Amen.