



NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents,

On Tuesday evening, our Dance Squad represented Rossendale in the Lancashire County Dance Finals at Blackpool Winter Gardens. This year's theme, Rhythms of Unity, celebrated how major sporting events bring people together through the power of sport and dance. The performance given by our squad of 20 dancers was outstanding and we placed an incredible 2nd out of over 500 primary schools in Lancashire. The competition was professionally judged and former Strictly Come Dancing professional Nadiya Bychkova was a special judge on the panel. She actually awarded our dancers the highest score of all of the schools which is testament to their talent and reflects the level of performance. We are so incredibly proud of how hard the girls have worked each week in preparation for the competition and to see them shine so brightly on the stage was truly a privilege.

We have today hosted a special assembly to celebrate the squads achievement and also to thank our team of wonderful helpers: Claudia, Tilly and Gabriella's Mums (Louise, Nicola and Donna) who take time out of work to come and do the hair and styling for the competition and to Aisha's Grandma who has altered many of the costumes to ensure they were a perfect fit. We also, of course, wanted to come together as a school family to thank the simply awesome Hannah Rogers who has spent countless hours so far this academic year working to give the children these wonderful experiences. Since September, Hannah has been teaching dance after school so that the children could take part in the 'Burnley Gotta Dance' show, the Rossendale Dance competition and now the Lancashire finals. It is not only the hours in school teaching dance that Hannah gives up, she spends countless hours choreographing, mixing music, planning costumes and props and ensuring that everything is perfect for each performance. All of this is done on a completely voluntary basis- Mrs Rogers you are an absolute St Mary's legend and we can never thank you enough for what you do for our children.

REACH Assembly

As we have had a special celebration assembly for the dance squad today, our next REACH assembly takes place on Monday 27th April at 9.10am.

PGL Information Evening

There will be a meeting at school on Monday 27th April at 6pm to discuss the trip for Years 5 and 6 children to PGL. It is essential that a parent/ guardian attend this meeting in order for us to be able to take your child. Thanks for your co-operation with this.

Bikeability

The pupils in Year 5 are taking part in the 2 day bikeability course in school next Thursday and Friday. Please ensure the children's bikes and helmets are brought into school on Thursday morning.

Right Start Training

This week the children in KS1 have taken part in Lancashire County Councils' Stage 1 'Right Start Child Pedestrian Training Programme'. This programme teaches your child how to keep themselves safe when out in the traffic environment and to apply the rules of the Green Cross Code every time they cross a road.

Name the Frog

Today, Flora and Harper from class 4 (with the help of Mrs Hanson) ran the 'Name the Frog' competition to raise money to purchase more equipment for our school sensory trail. Thank you to everyone who supported the event- we managed to raise an amazing £44! Well done to Flora and Harper for being brilliant sensory ambassadors and trying to improve our school environment for all children.

Summer term dates

We have lots of exciting events on over the remainder of the term so here are some dates you may want in advance, to put in your diary:

Monday 27th April	PGL information evening for parents 6pm
Tuesday 5th May	Y4 skiing trip
Wednesday 6th May	Class 2 trip to Whitaker Art Gallery
Friday 15th May	Year 6 fishing trip
Monday 18th- 20th May	Years 5 and 6 PGL trip
Friday 22nd May	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HALF TERM
Monday 8th June	'Welcome to School' information evening for parents of children starting in September 2026 (6.00pm)
Monday 22nd June	Year 5 trip to Stump Cross Caverns Y6 trip to Manchester Runway Visitor Park
Thursday 25th June	Years 5 and 6 World Cup Cricket trip
Wednesday 1st July	Years 1 and 2 trip to Jodrell Bank
Thursday 2nd July	Class 1 trip to RHS Bridgewater
Tuesday 7th July	'Top of the Pops' Summer Production (1.00 pm / 7.00pm)
Thursday 9th July	'Top of the Pops' Summer Production (7.00pm)
Friday 10th July	Rock Steady Concert
Tuesday 14th July	Leaver's Disco for whole school (3.30 – 5.00pm)
Thursday 16th July	Coffee afternoon
Friday 17th July	Y6 Graduation ceremony (9.10 am) Merit/ attendance assembly (1.00pm) School closes for summer (2pm)

There will be more details of each of the above events nearer the time.

Production Sponsorship

We are in desperate need of sponsorship for our Summer Production "Top of the Pops" to cover the cost of equipment hire, costumes for the children etc.

If you know of any local businesses that would be willing to sponsor the event and have their company logo featured on all our programming and press, please ask them to contact the school office. There is also a payment item on parentpay if any parents/carers wish to donate towards the costs.

The show is always such a highlight of the academic year and we want to be able to give the children the very best opportunity to shine once again. Please share and thank you for your continued support.

Sports Day

As last year's sports day held at Marl Pitts was such a huge success, we are looking into the possibility of using it again this year. I will keep everyone updated as and when we have some news and a confirmed date.

This week's Gospel

In this week's Gospel, the two disciples on the road to Emmaus experienced comfort from 'a stranger' who walked with them in their time of sorrow and confusion. Later, it was revealed that the secret stranger was in fact, Jesus. We have been looking at ways the children can offer acts of kindness to others by walking with them, giving help and encouragement.

Yours sincerely

Miss D McNicoll

GOSPEL

LUKE 24:13-35

On the first day of the week, two of the disciples of Jesus were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognising him. And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognised him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

WORD OF THE WEEK

FAITH

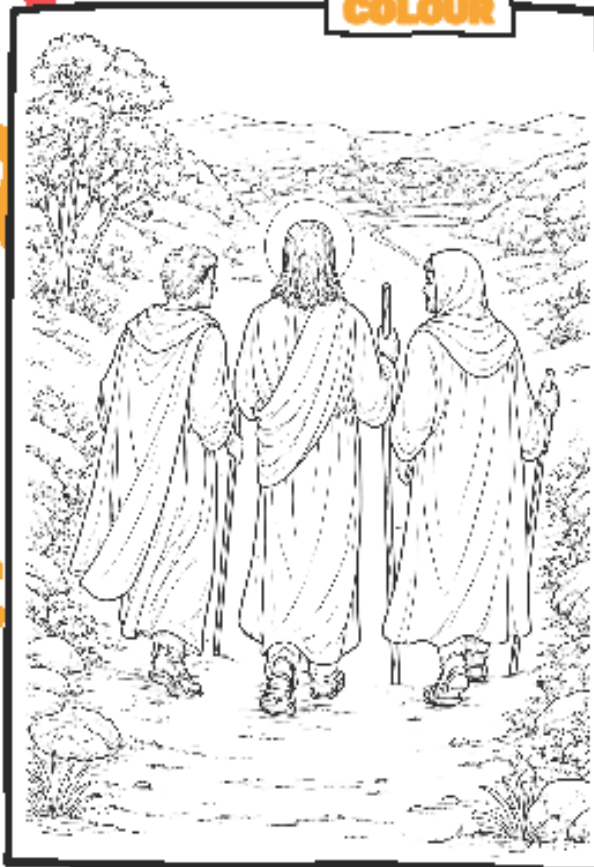
REFLECT

WHERE OR WHEN DO YOU RECOGNISE JESUS WITH YOU?

WONDER QUESTION

WHY DO YOU THINK THE TWO FRIENDS DIDN'T RECOGNISE JESUS STRAIGHT AWAY?

COLOUR



MISSION

TAKE A WALK WITH JESUS. SPEAK TO HIM IN YOUR HEART ABOUT WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING LATELY AND DON'T FORGET TO LISTEN TO HIS VOICE.



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