



NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents,

It has been another wonderful week in school. Our Y4 children visited 'The Hill' on Tuesday for their ski instruction as part of their butterfly moments. The children showed great enthusiasm and resilience. On Wednesday, our Y2 children visited The Whitaker Museum for an art inspired day focusing on the work of Karen Leder. The children were an absolute pleasure to take and museum staff commented both on their excellent behaviour and enthusiasm for art. In KS2, we continue to learn the songs for our upcoming production of 'Top of the Pops' and it is joyful to hear the children singing the songs as they go around school and out on the playground. We are looking forward to auditions and casting next week!

Year 6 SATS

The year 6 children have their end of keystage 2 SAT tests next week.

Please ensure your child gets a good night's sleep so they can perform to the best of their ability! It is also imperative they are not absent unless it is an absolute emergency. Year 6 children are invited to come to breakfast club each day (Monday-Thursday from 8.20am) and are to arrive through the school hall doors.

Sports Day

We have once again booked our Sports Day to take place at Marl Pitts, Rawtenstall. The date we have set (weather depending) is Tuesday 9th June. We will send all information via ParentApp next week but please note for your child to participate they will need collecting from school at 2:45pm. The event itself will begin promptly at 3:30pm and will finish by 5pm. There will be no after school club on this day.

Trips

A reminder Year 6 are going fishing next Friday. The trip will take place within the school day and the children are to come to school in their own clothes appropriate for the activity.

Summer Disco

As we didn't have our usual Easter Disco, the PTA are organising a summer disco for the children which will take place after school on Thursday 21st May immediately after school at 3.30-5.00pm.

The PTA are asking for a voluntary contribution of £3.00 (includes a hotdog and drink) and the children can also bring spending money as there will be games and stalls.

Spare PE Kits/ Uniform

Sometimes, children are provided with a PE kit, spare uniform etc in school to use when they have forgotten their own or had an accident/ fallen. Please return any school kit which has been sent home as soon as it has been washed. Quite a bit hasn't been returned and our supplies are now very low. Thank you for your cooperation.

This week's Gospel

This week's Gospel reading is from John and in it, Jesus makes a great promise to send the Holy Spirit to be our helper and guide.

Sponsors

As always, we are donating all monies raised from ticket sales of 'Top of the Pops' to Bury Hospice. The hospice cares for terminally ill people at the end of their life and has had patients from Rossendale so it's a great charity to raise funds for.

We are looking for local companies to sponsor the cost of putting on the production. If you know of any companies who would be willing to sponsor the production, please ask them to contact school. Their company logos will also be used on the official programme.

Finally, for the first time in MANY years, we still have ONE place available to join our new reception cohort in September. If you know of anyone who is a late application/ hasn't already chosen a school for September 2026, please let them know/ ask them to telephone the school office for further details.

Yours sincerely

Miss D McNicoll

GOSPEL

JOHN 14:15-21

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. 'I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.'

WONDER QUESTIONS

WHEN JESUS'S FRIENDS FIRST HEARD THE PROMISE OF A HELPER, WHAT QUESTIONS DID THEY HAVE?

WHEN ARE THE MOMENTS IN YOUR DAY WHEN YOU CAN INVITE THE HOLY SPIRIT TO BE YOUR HELPER?

MISSION

JESUS MADE YOU A GREAT PROMISE IN THE GOSPEL, THAT WHATEVER HAPPENS, YOU WILL NEVER BE ALONE. HE ASKS THE FATHER AT EVERY MOMENT OF EVERY DAY TO SEND THE HOLY SPIRIT TO BE YOUR HELPER AND GUIDE. YOUR MARK 10 MISSION IS TO WRITE A SHORT THANK YOU PRAYER TO JESUS, THANKING HIM FOR HIS LOVE AND THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.



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WORD OF THE WEEK

EXAMPLE

PRAYER

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE THE HOLY SPIRIT TO HELP WITH TODAY? ASK HIM IN PRAYER TO HELP YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW.

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