



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

12th February 2016

Bishop Christopher's Lent Call

Several classes made pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, and now Lent has begun. Bishop Christopher has selected a number of charities to benefit from his Lent Call request for giving, as part of the theme "Caring for the Whole person". In the Diocese of Southwark, the Croydon Refugee Centre, The Fircroft Trust and The Copleston Centre have been chosen. In The Holy Land, The Arab Evangelical Episcopal School Rammallah, The Episcopal Technological and Vocational Training Centre, Ramallah, St. Luke's Hospital, Nablus and The Al-Wafa Rehabilitation Hospital, the Gaza Strip will all benefit. We thought about the Al-Wafa Hospital this week in collective worship as our topic was peace, and the hospital was bombed in 2014 and has yet to be rebuilt. A variety of projects in Zimbabwe have been chosen – health, education, farming and construction initiatives. You will receive information about what your child's class is doing to raise money for these good causes, as the different phases are working as teams to raise as much money as we can.

School Reports

From this year, we have decided to send out school reports at the end of the academic year, rather than in the Spring Term, so that you receive a summary of your child's progress rather than a "work in progress". Teachers will update you on your child's progress at the Spring Term Parent Teacher Meetings.

St. David's and St. Patrick's Day

This year we are celebrating all the British Patron saints' Days. We celebrated St. Andrew's Day in November, and will celebrate St. David's Day on 1st March. Traditionally, Welsh people wear a leek or a daffodil on that day. On 17th March is St. Patrick's Day, and we will be wearing something green that day.

Half Term Holiday

We break up for half term holiday today. Children should return on 22nd February.

Important Dates for next Half Term

- 24th February** – 9.15 Lent Service at St. Paul's Church
- 29th February** – Elm Class to visit the Horniman Museum
- 1st March** – Oak Class to visit the Horniman Museum
- 3rd March** – World Book Day
- 10th March** – KS2 Fundraising Day for Lent Call
- 15th March** – Easter Eggstravaganza
- 16th March** – SATs meeting for Year 6 parents
- 17th March** – Parent Teacher Meetings
- 24th March** – break up at 2pm for Easter holidays