



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

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## **World Book Day – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup> is World Book Day. Mrs Cleaver has sent out a letter to say that children should dress up as a character from a book on this day. Enjoy planning a costume with your child!

## **March 1<sup>st</sup> – Ash Wednesday Service**

On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March, we will be holding our Ash Wednesday service. This marks the beginning of Lent, a time for penitence and putting right things that are wrong, as well as showing our desire to grow in faith. A few weeks ago I wrote to you about our intention to make the sign of the cross with ashes on the foreheads of children who wish it. Mother Katy has spoken to the children in assembly about this. If you do not wish your child to participate in this, please talk to them about it.

## **March 1<sup>st</sup> – St. David's Day. Wear a daffodil!**

As you know, we now celebrate the Patron Saint days of the patron saints for the UK and Ireland. Wednesday is not only Ash Wednesday – it is also St. David's Day, the patron saint for Wales. Last year we wore a daffodil, or if you are really adventurous, a leek. We would like the children to do the same thing this year.

## **Admission to Holy Communion at St Paul's**

We will be preparing children who are 7+ years old to receive Holy Communion on Thursday afternoons starting next week, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at St Paul's Vicarage at 3.30 – 4.30pm; refreshments will be provided. There are six sessions, and the children will be formally admitted to receive their first Holy Communion on Easter Day 16<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30. In order to receive Holy Communion children must have been baptised in a church that subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity. Please contact Mother Katy on 07970 471833 or [katyhh@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:katyhh@hotmail.co.uk) *before next week* if your child is interested, as numbers are limited

## **Keeping children safe in the playground**

If you are passing by during playtime, please do not try to speak to your (or anyone's) child. It is important the children are trained not to speak to adults from the street, and it puts them in a dilemma if someone they know tries to speak to them. Thank you for your help with this.

## **School Website**

Please browse the school website if you have a spare moment. We are adding new things on there all the time. You will find home learning videos so you can help your children with their learning, as well as photographs of school activities. The latest addition has been an interview with Miss Crannitch, our Deputy Headteacher.