

Principal's Update 24.2.23



Dear Parents,

It is great to see some signs of Spring this week and for our pupils to have more opportunities to explore outdoors in the brighter weather.

This week we celebrated Ash Wednesday, the beginning of our Lenten journey. Our pupils from P4-7 attended mass with Fr. Woods on Ash Wednesday and the remainder of pupils P1-3 receiving their ashes from Fr. Woods here in school. We must commend our pupils on their exemplary behaviour and reverence exhibited throughout this special event, where we begin our Lenten journey for 2023.

Reminders:



On Thursday 2.3.23 we are celebrating World Book Day by asking each pupil to bring in their favourite book on that day to discuss as part of their class group. Homework activities in K.S.2 may also highlight this event throughout the week. We hope you have enjoyed using your book tokens towards the purchase of some new books.

Accelerated Reader

We are continuing to use this vital resource to facilitate and support our pupils learning. We appreciate parents in P4-7 have received their home codes to activate each account. For those outstanding cases where registration has proven difficult, Mrs Shortt, our Literacy Coordinator is offering for those still unable to access Accelerated Reader to call into school on Tuesday 28.2.23 from 2.00-3.00p.m if you require further support to activate your account.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

On **Monday 6.3.23** we are hosting an information afternoon for all parents of P6 pupils who wish to avail of additional after school classes in preparation for transfer/GL assessment. We invite all parents concerned to meet with Mrs Shortt and Mrs Wadsworth at 2.15p.m. in our school assembly hall. Can you please email Mrs Shortt confirming your attendance. We do require a parent representation for each pupil at this meeting.



Congratulations to all our pupils of the week this week, who received the principal's award for hard work and endeavour.



Wishing all our families and peaceful weekend break.

Yours in continued partnership

C. Wadsworth and staff of St. Joseph and St. James's P.S.

