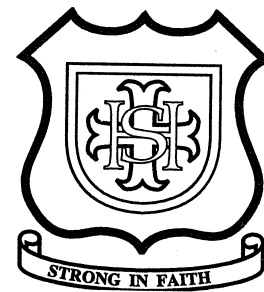


St. Herbert's R C Primary School

Spring Term

9th March 2021



Dear Children, Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back! We are thrilled that the children are back in school, and I was so proud to announce our 100% attendance for the WHOLE school yesterday – an amazing achievement.

Charities

Thank you for your VERY GENEROUS ongoing support over the past few months; we have continued to provide food parcels, clothing, and devices for several of our families.

Google Classroom

We will be continuing to use and monitor Google Classroom, as part of our Home Learning Policy, and therefore it will be used for homework every week – it is vital that children remain familiar with this platform, as we may still find ourselves with bubble closures etc for some time yet. The government would not be issuing the level of devices across the country, if this form of learning was for the short term only, therefore it is important as a school that we continue to learn and progress in our use of Google Classroom.

We are still aiming to get a device into each home, for the long term, so that we can utilise this fantastic platform even further. If you have any problems, please contact us and we will try to assist – we are very keen to remove any barriers to our online learning. There are videos to assist on our website, which can be located under the ‘Parents’ tab, Google Classroom’, and we will be spending the next few weeks developing our Remote Learning website page further. Our Home Learning Policy and Remote Education Plan can be found under the ‘Remote Learning tab’.

Twitter

Our twitter feeds are a wonderful way of viewing the activities your child has experienced during the week, and a source of information for each class. Please can we encourage you to follow your child(ren)’s class twitter account; I also use my twitter feed to share information with you all @mrs_smilligan.

Please can we ask families to follow our Faith Life twitter account, where we celebrate and share all things related to the faith life. Currently, we are sharing daily prayers as part of our Lenten prayer project. You can find the page here: @StHChaplains.

World Book Day Celebrations – Thursday 11th March

A quick reminder, that we are celebrating World Book Day this Thursday (11th March) and the theme for the day is Bedtime Stories (PJs, dressing gowns etc, but please can they have sensible shoes for playing outside too!).

St Herbert's Feast Day – Friday 19th March

St Herbert's Feast Day is the 20th March, which falls on a Saturday, so we will be celebrating our Patron Saint's Feast Day on Friday 19th March. The children will explore St Herbert's life in a prayer and worship session in the morning with their class teacher, then in the afternoon we are going to hold class parties to celebrate but also to say thank you and well done to the children for working so hard and staying so positive during the past few months. On this date, children can wear their own clothes.

St Joseph's Penny

As you know, each year during this time of Lent we raise funds for St Joseph's Penny. This year, we are going to ask for donations via their Textgiving link, and will be promoting this cause on our St Herbert's Feast day.

Textgiving information: To donate £2 please text SJP to 70460. If a UK tax payer, gift aid makes it worth £2.50 to the charity, at no extra cost to the donor. To give £2 but opt out of marketing, text the words NO INFO SJP to the same number.

Thank you in advance for any donations.

World Down Syndrome Day - Monday 22nd March

World Down Syndrome Day is on Sunday 21st March. To celebrate this occasion and to raise awareness, we are inviting our school community to wear their funkiest socks to school.

Parents' Evening - Wednesday 24th March

We will be holding Parents' Evening on the 24th March, via zoom again. Details to follow shortly.

Foodbank Friday – 26th March 2021

Thank you in advance for donations of tins, packets, Easter Eggs etc on this day; all donations are gratefully received by members of our St Herbert's Community.

Easter Passion – Maundy Thursday 1st April

Our Yr 6 pupils are going to re-create the Easter Passion, via an iMovie, which we are going to share as a school on Thursday 1st April. We will make this video available for families to view later that day, but please do not share this link with other people, for safeguarding reasons (link will be emailed on the 1st April).

Easter Raffle

Tickets will go on sale w/c 15th March, 50p a strip and will be sold to the children in their bubbles; the draw will take place during a reflection in our playground (similar to Christmas) on Wednesday 31st March.

School Dinners

If your child has returned to school and now brings a packed lunch where they previously had a school dinner, or vice versa, please contact the school office to update their details if you have not already done so. Please can we also remind you for the future, that the kitchen staff require 2 weeks notice to allow for changes to your child's meal choice (this is due to ordering food etc).

And finally, just a quick reminder that school opens at 8:40-8:50am (staggered start to the day) and pick up is 2:50-3:00pm. School doors will open at the times above.

School closes for Easter at 1.30pm on Thursday 1st April and re-opens Monday 12th April.

You have been so supportive yet again, and many of you have commented on what a wonderful St Herbert's family we have – we are all here to support each other!

Kind Regards

Mrs S J Milligan

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