



We hope you all had a lovely half term break. We are looking forward to a busy half term ahead.

RE- Sorry and Joy

In this half term, as we begin Lent and begin to look forward to Easter, our RE theme is 'Sorrow and Joy'. This is a time when we reflect on our lives and on how the things we do affect the lives of others. It is difficult for young children to realise that we are all capable of hurting others and to know that when we do so we should feel sorry and try to be kind.

They will begin to understand that Jesus forgave those who hurt him and teaches us to forgive people who hurt us.

At home you can help by:

- Encouraging your child to recognise when they have hurt someone. It is particularly difficult for young children to grasp the idea that someone's *feelings* can be hurt.
- Giving gentle reminders to say sorry in times of conflict, taking time to talk things over quietly so that your child thinks about what has happened.
- Encouraging your child to give some small gift to a charitable cause and explain to them what the charity does to help people.
- Going to Sunday Mass. Mass at All Saints Church (Saturday evening 5pm or Sunday 9.30am.) At Sunday morning Mass there is also Little Church that the children can go to and listen to the Gospel with their friends. We would love to see you!

Prayer Bear

Exciting News! We now have a Prayer Bear in Reception. We will be sending him home with a child during Lent. He is very good at listening and likes to pray with the whole family. Please use the little book to draw and write what you did with Prayer Bear. Remember this should be about the praying you did with Prayer Bear. Please return the bag and everything in it, to school after you have finished, so that another child can take him home.

Mother's Day Assembly

We would like to invite all our wonderful Mothers and Grandmas to our Mother's Day assembly on **Friday 8th March at 9:15am**. We will prepare a sign-up list soon for you to let us know if you can join us.

Lenten Challenge

Our Lenten Challenge will take place on **Tuesday 5th March**. We will be holding a 'scooter/ bike wash and ride' in exchange for £2. The children will be able to bring their bike/scooter to school and will bring them home lovely and clean!

Our theme this half term is Adventure Above and Under the Clouds

As part of this topic we will be exploring -What can we find beyond the sky? What's in Space and how will we get there? We will also be finding out about - Which planet do we live on? What makes Earth special?

Peek into the past

This half term we will also be exploring our History topic, 'Peek into the past'. The children will reflect on memories and experiences from their own past. For our lessons we need a photograph of your child as a baby and one as a toddler. Please can you send the photographs on Tapestry as soon as possible.

Farm Visit

We would like to take the children on an educational visit to Smithills, Open Farm, Bolton at the end of the Summer Term – to fit in with our topic of growing. The date for the trip will be **Wednesday 3rd July**. We will aim to leave school at 9.15am and return by 3.00pm and the cost will be approximately £ 25.00 each.

We would like to take some parent helpers on the visit. The cost for parents will be the same as the children. We will set up parent pay as soon as coach prices have been finalised.

Our Making Area

Please continue to bring in any unwanted clean boxes and cardboard tubes (no toilet rolls please) for this area.

Reading Books

Please ensure your child has their reading book and reading record in their book bag every day.

Clothing

As we approach the warmer months (hopefully) please ensure that your child's clothes / jumpers are clearly labelled.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Mrs Murphy Mrs Ostmeier and Mrs Valentine