



St John Fisher Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

As we reach the half-term break, I wish to take a moment to reflect on the challenges we have faced together. This period has been extremely difficult for the St John Fisher community following the sad passing of Miss Griffin.

In this time of sorrow, we hold Miss Griffin's memory close to our hearts and find comfort in our shared faith. "The Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." Psalm 34:18

After the half-term, we will share the funeral arrangements, as well as a date for a whole-school celebration in honour of Miss Griffin's life.

Key dates for March/April 2024

Wednesday 5 th March	Ash Wednesday Mass 10:30am
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day
Monday 17 th March	St Patrick's Day – Come to school wearing green
Wednesday 26 th March	Bexley Choral Festival
Thursday 3 rd April	Easter Reflection led by Year 5 – 2pm
Thursday 10 th April	Big Lent Walk
Monday 7 th April	Archery Day
Tuesday 8 th April	Whole School Mass @10.30 – all welcome
Friday 11 th April	Break-up for Easter 1:30pm



LENT

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 5th March. Let us remind ourselves what Lent is. Lent is the six-week period before Easter observed by many Christians.

It commemorates the 40 days during which Jesus fasted and resisted temptation from Satan.

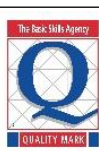
During Lent, Christian people tend to fast or abstain from something; they also focus their prayer for the good of others and think about those less fortunate than themselves.

Together for lent let us all try to reflect upon this thought from Pope Francis - 'During Lent, let us find concrete ways to overcome our indifference.'

Pope Francis also reminds us that 'God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy.' - When we find times are hard let us all turn to God for his Grace and Mercy.

And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites...But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. (Matthew 6:16-18)

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BIG LENT WALK

WALK WITH US - WE AIM TO WALK 200KM TO HELP FIGHT GLOBAL POVERTY

Come to school wearing Bright Colours

£2.00

Let us walk with our friends to raise money to help others as they overcome poverty.

School Uniform

ALL children are expected to be in correct school uniform.

GIRLS

Grey Skirt
White Shirt
School Tie
School Sweatshirt
School Cardigan
White Polo Shirt
Black/Grey/Navy/White Tights

BOYS

Grey Trousers
White Shirt
School Tie
School Sweatshirt
White Polo Shirt
Black Or Grey Socks

Black Shoes/Boots

No trainers to be worn to school
No leggings under skirts

Please make sure that your child/ren DO NOT have different colour braids or patterns cut into their hair.

Girls - hair same colour as their natural hair and ALL long hair tied back.

Boys -hair ONE length all over - No patterns/lines cut into their hair.

PARKING WARNING

The traffic at drop off and collection times is causing residents some issues.

During the School run please try to park by the flats at the end of Kale Road.

We are trying to encourage the children to walk to school so this is an ideal opportunity to compromise and walk part way.

Let us work together for the safety of all.

Adverse Weather Conditions

In the case of adverse weather conditions where the school may be closed please check the school website www.sjf.bexley.sch.uk. If for some reason the school website is unavailable then you can go straight to the Schools Opencheck site which is on <https://opencheck.atomwide.com/Default.aspx>.

Parents without internet access can phone 020 8408 7508 and enter the school's DfE number which is 3033505 to get the same information, or as a last resort you can phone the Bexley Contact Centre on 020 8303 7777

World Book Day

Thursday 6th March

This year we are giving the children the opportunity to come to school in their PYJAMAS or they can DRESS UP and bring with them their favourite book.

Throughout the day we will be sharing stories and our love of reading with our reading buddies.





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