

10.3.2023

NEU Strike Action

Further action is due to take place on the following dates:

- Wednesday, 15 March
- Thursday, 16 March

<u>School will be closed so please ensure that you make alternative provision</u> for child care on these days.

Reception Phonics

On **Tuesday 14th March** we are hosting a phonics workshop. This workshop will be held after school at 3:30 in the old Acorns building. The workshop will be an opportunity for you to gain an understanding on how we teach phase 3 phonics in Reception and will provide you with information on how you can further support your child at home.

Mrs Lilley will post shortly an electronic sign-up sheet - if you can make the meeting, please add your name by Monday 13th March. We look forward to seeing you there.

Right of the week

Article 16 Right to Privacy

Every child has the right to privacy. The law must protect children's privacy, family, home, communications and reputation (or good name) from any attack.

Homework

Thank you for your continued support with homework. As you know, the tasks sent home are designed with care to help support your child's learning in class. Having spoken to parents, we are aware that there can be some nights where it is tricky to complete homework tasks as the children have extra-curricular activities. In order to support families with this, we have changed the Homework Policy, providing lots of extra time so that the children have every opportunity to access clubs after school. The new timetable will be shared on See Saw for each class. This information has also been shared with the children.

Year 5 Visit the Industrial Revolution

This week Year 5 worked in the Dream Zone to compare the lives of the rich and poor during the Industrial Revolution. The children had lots of fun creating freeze frames of factory life.



Year 2 help out Oxford University!

Year 2 began their Reasoning First lessons in partnership with the University of Oxford and Department of Education. They have really enjoyed taking part in the problem solving and reasoning lessons.



Support with helping your child read at home.

Reading with your children at home has amazing benefits: comfort and reassurance, confidence and security, relaxation, happiness, and fun. It builds self-esteem, develops vocabulary and imagination. Reading with, and hearing children read is an important way to help them build language skills. It exposes them to new words, ways of using language, and understanding text. Reading is a great habit, but like all habits, it needs repetition and regularity to establish itself. We have attached a separate parent information sheet to support you with developing regular reading habits at home, to enable all our pupils to develop a love of reading.

Message from Fr. Michael

Hello and I hope everyone is well and that we are all caring for each other. Lent is quickly approaching half way! Already? So, it is a good time to make sure we are keeping our promises for Lent. As we try to "listen to him" as the Gospel tells us, as we try to do what we can in "Prayer and kindness and charity," thoughts reflected in the wonderful school mass this week. Our journey of Lent is to help us look forward to Easter and Pentecost; prayers of each and every class in school, from the earliest to the oldest! It is also a prayer for every home and family in our parish. What can I do today, in Lent, to share that charity and kindness and prayerfulness? Have a lovely weekend. St. Kentigern, pray for us.

With continued best wishes,

Madeline Mudoon

Mrs Muldoon





Chester helps the Nursery children build their rocket to take them into Space!