



# March Newsletter 2023

"Faith We live it, Love it And Learn it.



Dear Parents/carers

I hope everyone had a great half term and enjoyed some family time together. Hopefully we are all feeling refreshed and ready for the new opportunities and challenges that lie ahead this half term. We will be sending out this half term's learning overviews soon, so you will be able to see the learning that is planned for your children.

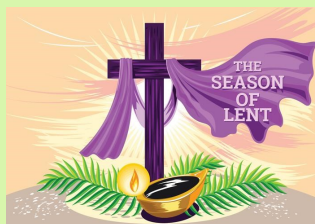
I do hope you managed to attend the parent consultations before half term and caught up with your child's class teacher. This half term we are planning on organising workshops for you to attend starting with our Early Years. We have reviewed our phonics and reading provision and wish to share our approach with you so you have a clear idea of how you can help your child/children. We will also be focusing on the teaching and learning of Mathematics, in particular how to problem solve and reason. More details will be shared on ways of helping your child in the next few weeks.



In the meantime, we hope our year 2 and 3 children have a wonderful time at Dunfield House. I know Mrs. Evans and the staff team have planned some fantastic activities for the children. We look forward to hearing all about their visit.

*Best wishes Mrs. K. Bickley*

## Reflection for the month of March



Lent is a time to commit to God with all our hearts. We can hear and ponder God's word in the scriptures more deeply. The parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31) focuses on a rich man and the poor man, Lazarus. Lazarus may have been anonymous to the rich man but he was not to God. Lazarus was comforted by God and seen as a precious gift, to be cherished, embraced and loved. The rich man did not recognise Lazarus' virtues, he saw him only as a beggar.

Remember we are all precious in God's eyes. So, during this time of Lent, let us reflect on repenting our sins, asking for God's forgiveness and listening to God's word.

### A Prayer for Lent

Please, Lord, guide my mind with your truth.

Strengthen my life by the humble, obedient example of Jesus.

He fulfilled your will by becoming human and suffering with us.

He died so that I would no longer be separated from you.

Help me to feel how close you are and to live in union with you.

## Attendance



Well Done to Year 1 and Year 4 for excellent attendance during the month of February.

Nursery	84.69 %
Reception	95.93%
Year 1	96.04 %
Year 2	92.59%
Year 3	95.66%
Year 4	96.01%
Year 5	91.23%
Year 6	92.84%
Whole school	93.12%

## Dates

### Spring Term 2

1st—3rd March Years 2 and 3 Dunfield

House Residential

1st March Teachers Strike Day Year 1 am only in school,  
children collected by 12.30am at the latest.

Years 4 and 5 absent for the day.

2nd March World Book Day

1st March First Holy Communion Enrolment Meeting at  
10.00am for Year 3 parents

4th March Year 3 Enrolment Mass at Church 5.30pm

15<sup>th</sup> March Vocations Day

**Weekly masses** will be arranged for each class during this half term we will keep you informed of dates. We are also hoping to start a rota for each class to attend the weekend masses at church.

### PTFA Events

6th March – school uniform sale in music room from 3:15pm

17th March TBC – fish and chip and bingo night

24th March – disco 6-8pm



## **We are joining CAFOD's Big Lent Walk!**

Our school community will join thousands of others to help fight extreme poverty.

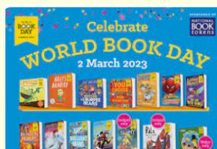
We will be walking one step at a time.

Once we have finalised our details I will let you know.



CAFOD is an international development charity and the official aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales.

Further details at [cafod.org.uk/walk/](https://cafod.org.uk/walk/)



### **World Book Day**

The theme for this year's World Book Day is 'Changing lives through Reading'.

World Book Day promotes books and a love of reading to children, and we aim to celebrate it at school with themed lessons and events.

We invite you to wear or create a book themed accessory to celebrate World Book Day.

### **'Book Accessory'**

In order to celebrate World Book Day this year we are asking children to create a 'Book Accessory'. This could be a hat, bag, scarf, headband, mask or badge. Get creative- show us your favourite book or books through your decorated accessory. Come to school in your uniform and bring your accessory to wear.

There will be a prize of a £5.00 book token for the best accessory in each class, this will be chosen by a group of judges from our school community.

We would love to have a parade of all our wonderful accessories.



## **Information from Arden School for the new Year 7 cohort in September 2023**

We have a dedicated webpage for the September 2023 new Year 7 pupils and parents/guardians – this will be updated over the next few months:

<https://sites.google.com/arden.solihull.sch.uk/year-7-transition-website/holding-page>

For now, we can advise the following dates, for your information:

New Year 7 Parent/Guardian  
Information Evening (not for pupils)

Monday 3rd July 2023 at 7pm - Sports  
Hall (Arden) 8.45am – 3.00pm at Arden  
New Year 7 Induction Day for Pupils

Thursday 6th July 2023 New Year 7  
Summer School for Pupils

Wednesday 26th July – Friday 28th July  
(9.15am-2.30pm)

Two additional days of team building  
and sport, Monday 30th - Tuesday 31st  
July (times tbc)