

Dear Parents

We are really looking forward to next week - it is going to be a very exciting week here in school. Some of our teachers (Mrs. Allen, Miss. Hurst and Miss. Robinson) have organised a Science Week. There will be lots of fun and exciting things to do throughout the week. There are also some wonderful prizes to be won!! We are looking for the Scientist of the class and also for the best 'Inventor' in each year group. The prizes are displayed at the front entrance of the school. Don't forget that all parents are invited to pop into class on Friday afternoon from 2.45pm and enjoy looking at the Inventions, along with lots of science work too. We look forward to seeing you.

On Friday next week we are delighted to join our Cathedral Parish in celebrating silent prayer in the Cathedral. Year 1 and Year 2 will be leaving school at 10 o'clock on Friday and walking to the Cathedral. We will pray silently for a few minutes in front of the Blessed Sacrament and we will then return to school. Many thanks, in advance, to those of you who have volunteered to walk with us - all are welcome, no pre-school children though.

S. Rainford.

STARS OF THIS WEEK

- Ntseyep Njopa-Kaba Class 7
Caitlin Broadbridge Class 8
Matteo Gordon Class 9

KITCHEN CORNER
Monday 13th March
Menu Week 2

WORKERS OF THIS WEEK

- Class 7 Maisie Brickell & Dylan Walker
Class 8 Suzie Claydon & Patrick Quy
Class 9 Finnian Kenny & Ashi Sinha

SCIENCE WEEK

We hope your inventions are going well. There will be a prize of a Lab set for the best invention for 1 child from each year group. There is also a prize for the Top Scientist from each class. The Top Scientists from Year 1 and 2 will win a Horrible Science Kit and the Top Scientists from Foundation will win some Colour Mixing Glasses. All prizes are currently being displayed near the Prayer Tree. Remember to bring your Invention into school next Thursday 16th March. We're looking forward to seeing all the children in their lab coats or large white shirts.



KARATE STARS

- Isaac Roache - Class 7
Patrick Quy - Class 8
Mark Szwed - Class 9



EASTER EGG RAFFLE

Our Easter Egg Raffle will be starting soon, more details next Friday.



TEAM SPORTS STAR

Jack Corcoran - Class 9



BASKETBALL STARS

Violet Patrick - Class 8



Easter Bonnet

Remember to start creating or buying the items for your child's Easter Bonnet in readiness for our annual Easter Bonnet parade. The parade will take place on Friday 31st March. This is for children only. Each child will need to bring an Easter Bonnet in to school on that day.



Attendance League Table Spring Term

Remember the class with the greatest attendance will be rewarded at the end of term.

Table with 2 columns: Class, %

Well Done to St. Clare House for being the winner this week.

Table with 3 columns: House, This Weeks Points, Accumulative Points

P.E. STARS OF THE WEEK

- Caitlin Campling Class 4
Matilda Lawn Class 5
Cecilia Garnier Class 6

Appointments

If your child needs to attend the doctors, dentist or has another appointment at short notice, please remember to bring in the appointment card or letter, in accordance with our Attendance Policy. Thank you

Late Arrivals

There were 11 late arrivals this week. Please remember that the doors open at 8.45a.m. every morning.

P.A. NEWS

Thorntons Easter Egg Fundraiser - Please return all order forms and payments to the school office by Wednesday 15th March. All eggs cost £4 each and Thorntons will give us £1 for every egg sold. All cheques should be made payable to St Helen's Parents' School Association. Correct money only please as we are unable to give change.

Diary dates:

- Wednesday 15th March - all Thorntons Easter Egg forms to be returned to school
Saturday 20th May - Quiz Night at St Peters Hall, Warley (grown-ups only)
Saturday 1st July - Summer Fayre

## YEAR 2

**ENGLISH** - The children have been looking at the features of non-fiction (information) books. Some of the children have created their own information booklet on caring for a pet. Perhaps you could help your child to create an information booklet this week on a topic of their choice. Remember to include a contents page, index and glossary.

**MATHS** - Year 2 have continued to learn to read the time. It is wonderful to see so many children coming to school wearing an analogue watch.

**COME AND SEE** - The children have been learning about the Eucharist and what is said when Communion is received.

**P.E.** - A new lunch club is beginning for Year 2! All children will have a turn at attending the Thursday or Friday P.E. Club, which will take place before they eat their lunch.



### HOMEWORK

The Times Table Challenge next Thursday will be on the **5 times table**. For the 5 x table we learn from 0 x 5 up to 12 x 5 and 5 x 0 to 5 x 12.

This week's **Mathletics** homework is set up and ready to go. Have fun!

## YEAR 1

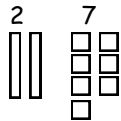
**ENGLISH** - We have read, re-enacted and written character descriptions for the traditional tale The Town Mouse and The Country Mouse.

**COMMON EXCEPTION WORDS** - Next week's words will be: are, said, your, you, one

**MATHS** - This week we have continued to look at the place value in numbers and partition numbers into tens and ones.

$$27 = 20 + 7$$

We have made numbers using the dienes apparatus



And used this knowledge to solve missing number sentences

$$27 = \square + 7 \quad \text{or} \quad 20 + \square = 27$$



**R.E.** - We talked about the sacrament of Holy Communion and that this is the time that we receive the Body and Blood of Christ (bread and wine) as the apostles did at the Last Supper.

## FOUNDATION STAGE

**PHONICS:** We have been looking at the blend **igh**. Please practise writing it and recognising it in a variety of places e.g. signs, books, names

**READING:** Please practise spotting bear words that they have in their word wallet in the books that they are reading. They can now create their own sentences and write these. Please encourage them to use finger spaces between each word.

**LITERACY CHALLENGE:** Can they complete a rhyming string with 'at' at the end e.g. cat, fat, bat ...

**MATHS CHALLENGE:** Can you find 4 different sized shoes in your house and put them in order of size? What else can you find to order the length?



### DIARY DATES - March '17

Date	Day	Time	Event	Class/Year	Details
15 Mar	Wed	2.55p.m	<b>Class 5 Assembly</b>	<b>Class 5</b>	Parents of Class 5
17 Mar	Fri	10am - 11.30	<b>Walk to Cathedral - 40 Hours of Prayer</b>	<b>Year 1 &amp; 2</b>	All Parents/Grandparents welcome to walk (No pre-school children though)
17 Mar	Fri	2.45pm	<b>Science Week Inventions</b>	All Years	All Parents welcome
22 Mar	Wed	2.55p.m	<b>Class 6 Assembly</b>	<b>Class 6</b>	Parents Of Class 6
28 Mar	Tue	10.30a.m (prompt)	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>Classes 1,2 &amp; 3</b>	Parents of Classes 1,2 & 3.
29 Mar	Wed	10.30a.m (prompt)	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	<b>Classes 4 &amp; 9</b>	Parents of Classes 4 & 9.
30 Mar	Thurs	10.30a.m (prompt)	<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>Classes 5 &amp; 8</b>	Parents of Classes 5 & 8.
31 Mar	Fri	9.30am (prompt)	<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>Classes 6 &amp; 7</b>	Parents of Classes 6 & 7.
31 Mar	Fri	10.45a.m	<b>Easter Bonnet Parade &amp; Easter Raffle</b>	All Years	<b>Children will need an Easter Bonnet from home.</b> For Children ONLY.
<b>EASTER HOLIDAYS - Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr to Tue 18<sup>th</sup> Apr (inclusive)</b>					
18 Apr	Tue	All Day	<b>INSET DAY</b>	All Years	<b>School Closed to Children</b>
19 Apr	Wed	Open at 8.45a.m	<b>Children Return to School</b>	All Years	ALL YEARS
20 Apr	Thurs	3.30pm – 3.45pm	<b>Book Look</b>	All Years	Please make an appointment