



## HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

Dear parents and carers.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is using parables – short stories – to teach us important lessons. Just as good fruit is a sign of a good tree, so our words and actions show what is truly inside our heart. This Gospel also reminds us not to criticise others' actions but rather to look at our own actions and try to grow in goodness.

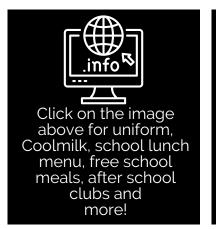
Pope Francis tells us "We must live the faith, not only with our words, but with our actions."

We continue to pray in school each day for Pope Francis who, at the time of writing, remains in a stable but critical condition at the Gemelli Hospital in Rome.

Next week, (Wednesday 5 March) – we begin the season of Lent. We will be marking this beautiful season of preparation for the great feast of Easter in many ways starting with Mass in school on Wednesday morning where we will have the distribution and blessing of the Ashes for our community. The ashes are the ashes from the palm leaves used on Palm Sunday last year.

Have a lovely weekend

Mr Monaghan



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# BISHOP ELLIS CATHOLIC Voluntary Academy

28th February 2025

## SCHOOL REMINDERS

Tuesday 4th March Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday 5th March 9:30am Ash Wednesday Mass

Thursday 6th March World Book Day See dojo for details

Monday 10th March British Science Week



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EDITH IN Y3 WHO TOOK PART IN THE LEICESTERSHIRE CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS LAST WEEKEND. EDITH SAYS "IT WAS REALLY MUDDY AND WET. LOTS OF PEOPLE WERE FALLING OVER AND LOSING THEIR SHOES. I CAME 67TH OUT OF 135" THIS IS A SUPER ACHIEVEMENT FROM A VERY TALENTED RUNNER.

I WAS DELIGHTED THIS WEEK TO RECEIVE A MESSAGE FROM KIM STUART-JONES FROM OUR CMAT. IT SAID "WELL DONE TO TOBY IN Y5 WHO WON A 'SPECIAL MENTION' IN THE TRUST HALF TERM BAKING COMPETITION! THE CMAT WILL SEND THE PRIZE OVER TO TOBY, VIA SCHOOL, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE! A MASSIVE WELL DONE! I AM RELIABLY INFORMED THAT TOBY'S RED VELVET CAKE WAS SUPERB!

WELL DONE ALSO TO OUR AMAZING SCHOOL CHOIR WHO HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO GO THROUGH TO THE GRAND FINAL OF THE LEICESTERSHIRE SCHOOL CHOIR OF THE YEAR COMPETITION 2025 WHICH WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH AT DE MONTFORT HALL. JUDGES SAID "SOME REALLY LOVELY SINGING HERE - A LOVELY CONFIDENT START AND SOME SUPER UNISON SINGING CULMINATING IN SOME VERY STRONG 2-PART HARMONIES. YOU CLEARLY KNEW THIS SONG REALLY WELL – THE TUNING WAS SECURE, AND DICTION WAS CLEAR." MANY THANKS TO MRS SHAW AND MISS LOWE FOR THEIR HARD WORK LEADING OUR AMAZING SCHOOL CHOIR.

### SOME OF THIS WEEKS HIGHLIGHTS!









### SCIENCE WEEK: 10TH – 15TH MARCH 2025.

WE ARE STARTING TO GET VERY EXCITED ABOUT SCIENCE WEEK AT BISHOP ELLIS WHICH BEGINS ON MONDAY 10TH MARCH 2025

WE HAVE A NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY WHO ARE COMING TO TALK TO THE CHILDREN. WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR ANY JOBS THAT HAVE A LINK TO SCIENCE- VET, DOCTOR, SURGEON, NURSE, PERSONAL TRAINER, PARAMEDIC, ELECTRICIAN, SCIENCE TEACHER, LECTURER, BAKER, PLUMBER, BUILDER ETC.

WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE VISITORS INTO THE HALL WHERE WE WILL SET UP A JOBS FAIR WITH TABLES AND CHAIRS WHERE THE CHILDREN CAN MOVE AROUND AND ASK QUESTIONS. IF YOU CAN COME TO SCHOOL FOR THE MORNING (9.30-11.15) OR AFTERNOON (1.30-2.45) ON FRIDAY 14TH MARCH, WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU.

YOU DON'T NEED TO PREPARE ANYTHING BUT IF YOU HAVE ANY ITEMS OR PHOTOGRAPHS TO HELP THE CHILDREN. IF YOU CAN GIVE UP SOME OF YOUR TIME, THEN PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO LET THEM KNOW WHO YOU ARE, WHAT YOUR JOB ROLE IS, CONTACT DETAILS AND WHICH SESSION YOU ARE ABLE TO ATTEND.

WE HOPE THAT THIS WILL BE A FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY FOR THE CHILDREN TO SEE HOW SCIENCE CAN BE SUCH A HUGE PART OF OUR LIVES AND HOPEFULLY INSPIRE THEM TO LEARN ABOUT JOBS THAT THEY MAY HAVE NEVER CONSIDERED. MRS FRANKLIN (SCIENCE COORDINATOR)

> MESSAGE FROM PETER GIORGIO- DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION FOR THE NOTTINGHAM DIOCESE.

#### CALLING CATHOLIC TEACHERS

DO YOU KNOW SOMEBODY WHO IS A PRACTISING CATHOLIC AND WHO IS A TEACHER OR SENIOR LEADER WORKING IN A SCHOOL OUTSIDE OF THE CATHOLIC SECTOR? THE DIOCESE OF NOTTINGHAM ALONG WITH THE CATHOLIC MULTI-ACADEMY TRUSTS IS LEADING A VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSION ABOUT WORKING IN A CATHOLIC SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY 26 MARCH FROM 7.00PM – 8.00PM.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT: GILL BURNS AT THE DIOCESAN EDUCATION SERVICE (GILL.BURNS@NOTTINGHAM-DES.ORG.UK).

### MISS JACKSON IS OUT ON THE RUN AGAIN! .....



I'M PROUD TO BE JOINING #TEAMARUK IN THE 2025 LONDON LANDMARKS HALF MARATHON! BY SUPPORTING ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH UK AND MY FUNDRAISING, YOU'RE HELPING TO FUND THE LIFE-CHANGING RESEARCH THAT WILL LEAD US TO BETTER TREATMENTS, AND ULTIMATELY, A CURE FOR DEMENTIA, A TERRIBLE DISEASE WHICH IS VERY CLOSE TO MY HEART. #FORTHECURE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

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#### THE RECEPTION CHILDREN LEARNING TO RIDE ON BALANCE BIKES THIS WEEK



