



**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**Dear Families,**

As we approach the Feast of St Thomas Aquinas, which falls on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January, the children will be learning about him and the lives of other important Saints. Each day the children will be learning about a new Saint, and spending time in prayer and reflection, think about what we can learn from the lives of the Saints. Our Trust have produced some resources to share with the children, please click [here](#) to find out more. The culmination of these preparation will be on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January, when our School Chaplains and Mrs Pelos will travel to English Martyrs to share in a special Feast Day mass with all the other Chaplains from the schools across our Trust. The rest of the school will be joining in with the Mass virtually.



**We would love to hear from you...**

We are currently reviewing the peripatetic music lessons that we have on offer in school. We would like to offer a greater number of children the opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument. Please complete this brief [questionnaire](#) to share your thoughts with us, to help us plan our offer. Your support is greatly appreciated, thank you.

**Calling all willing volunteers!!!! Mrs Vahder and Mrs Amphlett are looking for volunteers to help run our Forest School sessions. If there are any parents or family members who would be willing to give their time to help support with these sessions, please contact the school Office. Thank you.**

### PTFA Update

Thank you to the parents who joined us for our PTFA meeting on Tuesday evening. They are looking forward to hosting several events over the rest of the academic year. Please save the following dates:

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Bingo Night**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Sponsored walk for the children**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May – St Joseph's Summer Fete**

Finally, there are several of our children joining in with the HAPA Dance Show this weekend – we would like to wish all these children the best of luck!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

**God bless,  
Mrs Dabbs**

Please remember to send your child in to school in their PE kits on the following days:

**Monday:** Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5

**Tuesday:** Year 2 and Year 5

**Wednesday:** Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3

**Thursday:** Year 4 and Year 6

**Friday:** Foundation and Year 6

### Key dates for your diaries...

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January** – Open Classrooms for RE - all parents welcome until 9:30am

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January** – Feast of St Thomas Aquinas

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February** – Mardi Gras Festival in school

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February** – PTFA Bingo Night

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February** – last day of the half term

### HALF TERM BREAK

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February** – Return to school

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** – World Book Day (dress up)

**Tues 19<sup>th</sup> March** – The Passion of Christ in Church  
Performed by Year 3 & 4 at 2pm & 6:30pm



### Moments of PRIDE...

Thank you to our wonderful Lunchtime Supervisors, Miss Brown, Mrs Berrio, Mrs Trigg, Mrs Jahrig, Miss Dixon, Mrs Tice, Miss Jones, Mrs McKnight and Mrs Brown who took part in the Happy Lunchtime training on Monday. Following the training, lunchtimes this week have had more creative activities available and the Library is now open every lunchtime for children who would like to read or relax. Well done to the children who have joined in with these new activities so sensibly! #HappyLunchtimes





# St Joe's PTFA Bingo night

Friday 9th February

Doors open at 7pm eyes down at 7.30

Our lady of victories church hall



Prize and cash Bingo

£100  
TOP PRIZE

**£10 entry includes all your bingo games for the evening  
tickets can be brought from the office and exchanged for your tickets  
on the night**

**bingo tickets can also be brought at the event but we advise pre buying**

**Bring your own drinks and snacks  
and some cash for the raffle.**