

## Dates for your Diary

### Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February

- Y3 Homework Sharing at 2.15pm

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February

- Y4 Adopt-a-chef session
- Teacher Consultations 3.45-6.05pm

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February

- Y3 Class Assembly at 10.10am
- Teacher Consultations 3.45-6.05pm
- Arts & Crafts Valentine's Day Special

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February

- Y1 Toymaking Workshop
- Y4 Homework Sharing at 9.10am
- Y5 Homework Sharing at 2.30pm
- Y6 Teacher Consultations 3.45-6.05pm

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February

- Reception Fairy Tale Dress Up Day
- End of Half Term (3.30pm finish)

## *Time to Take Stock*

Next week parents and carers will meet teachers to discuss their children's progress so far this year and their current targets at our Teacher Consultations. If you haven't already indicated which slot you would like, please do so as soon as possible.

Congratulations to the children who have been awarded their pen licences! Tia, Eva, Natacha and Anderson were awarded pen licences for excellent attitudes towards the presentation of all their work in all subjects, always looking to edit and improve their work and always willing to try their Personal Bests.

On Wednesday, parents and carers were invited to our Volunteer Bank Training. Those that attended will be added to our Volunteer Bank and will be asked to join classes on school trips to help escort the children. If you were unable to attend and would like to train as a volunteer, there will be another session in the Summer Term. 10 children from KS2 went with Mr Stacey to play in a chess competition at St Thomas More on Thursday after school. The children played very well and were fantastic ambassadors for the school and won the competition, 11-5! Well done!

Next week is the final week of this half term. School finishes at normal time on Friday with after school clubs and Wrap Around running as normal also.

Have a wonderful weekend!

*Mrs Wyatt - Executive Headteacher*

## Wicked Young Writer Awards

Year 5 went to the Wicked Young Writer Awards on Tuesday at the Apollo Victoria Theatre. The children had the opportunity to take part in a creative writing workshop run by the awards' ambassador, bestselling author, Dan Freedman as well as a special performance from the stars of the hit musical, Wicked. One child won a signed football for asking Mr Freedman the best question! It was an inspirational event and the children loved every moment of it.



## Year 1 at The Science Museum



On Wednesday Year 1 had a fantastic time at The Science Museum. As part of their topic work on 'Everyday Materials', the children explored materials and patterns in the 'Pattern Pod', spent some time playing in 'The Garden', enjoyed a show about the Three Little Pigs investigating the properties of materials and participated in many other scientific activities. It was a fantastic day out for the children!

WEDNESDAY!



Our Wednesday Word for this week which links in with the Sunday Gospel is: **FOLLOW**

## Children's Work

### Year 4

In Literacy, as part of their work on The Iron Man by Ted Hughes, the children wrote newspaper articles recounting the battle between The Iron Man and Space-Bat-Angel-Dragon in Australia. Children used evidence from the text to describe what happened and used inverted commas to write interviews with The Iron Man.

*"The Iron Man on fire bed - the battle"*

By Ria

In Australia, you may have heard about a dragon cause down to earth from space. The Iron Man thought of a mind blowing way to save us and get rid of him. I, Ria, shall be reporting a live interview with Iron Man. I have to ask the Iron Man questions about the defeat of the dragon as he was the big but small hero.

"Why did you want to defeat him?" I asked. It is because I wanted to be the hero & save my metal and your lives.

"Oh, I see," I said. "What time exactly did you realise the need for your help, the people?" I said. "Oh, just when they called me out," replied the big but small hero.

"As you see," I said, "I have been longing for this moment."

Ria

## Catholic Life

Thank you to all those that have already contacted Lady Patricia Watson to offer assistance at St Mary's. As a volunteer, you can help the church with their spectacular flower arrangements. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Lady Patricia Watson, [patricia@patriciawatson.co.uk](mailto:patricia@patriciawatson.co.uk).

## Environment Team's Top Tip

Say 'No!' to Plastic Straws!

In England, it is estimated that we use 4.7 billion plastic straws per year! These single-use plastic items are used for just a few minutes but take hundreds of years to break down and can cause serious harm to animals and the environment. The Government intends to introduce a ban on plastic straws between October 2019 and October 2020, but until then, say 'No!' to plastic straws. There are plenty of non-plastic alternatives such as paper and stainless steel straws that are much less harmful to our environment.



## Pupil Voice

Pupil Voice organised celebrations for Internet Safety Day on Tuesday this week. Members of the Internet Safety Crew were available at the front of the school to hand out advice and tips for parents that can support safety on the internet for their children. Children were given 'smart advice' to ensure they follow safe access guidelines.



Safer Internet Day

## Attendance

Well done, Year 2! You had the highest attendance this week with 99%.

