



# Wardley CE Primary School

'With God's love we enjoy and excel'

## Newsletter

### Spring Term Dates

#### March

- 11.03.24: British Science Week celebrated in school this week.
- 11.03.24: Y1 & Y2 Class Marble Jar Treat Day.
- 12.03.24: Y6 class visit to Crucial Crew.
- 14.03.24: International Maths Day celebrated in school.
- 15.03.24: Red Nose Day celebrated in school – non-uniform day.
- 18.03.24: Parents' evening from 3.20 – 6pm.
- 19.03.24: EYFS Farm visit to school.
- 20.03.24: B-Tales Easter drama for the KS2 junior classes.
- 25.03.24: Deadline for submission in school of British Science Week posters.
- 25.03.24: Parents' evening from 3.20 – 6pm.
- 25.03.24: Community Easter cards brought into school.
- 26.03.24: Nursery class Easter songs – 2.40pm.
- 27.03.24: Y1 class Easter songs – 9am.
- 27.03.24: Reception class Easter songs – 2.40pm.
- 28.03.24: Y2 trip to The Lowry
- 28.03.24: Easter Service (Y3 – Y6) at All Saints Church - 10am.
- 28.03.24: School closes for the Easter holiday.

**April** 15.04.24: School starts again after the Easter holiday.

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We really enjoyed celebrating world book day this week. It was lovely to see the children bringing in so many wonderful posters on the theme of being a reader. We shared all the posters in assembly, and we then had the difficult task of choosing one from each class to be framed and put into our school reading area. These children received a book prize in recognition of their fantastic ideas. It was wonderful to see so many children bringing in a favourite book and hearing them talk about it in class. The children also had the chance to find out about some of the staff's favourite children's books. The day was all about the joy of reading and the children's comfy reading clothes and fantastic costumes of their favourite book characters all helped to add to the fun in school. We would like to say a huge thank you for all the support you gave the children with their world book day celebrations this year – it really is much appreciated! There is a blog on the website about all our world book day fun for you to see.

### In the classroom this week .....

On Monday, our Y4 class went on a very exciting geography trip exploring the River Mersey on a ferry. We practiced our map skills by tracking our journey and learnt all about the Mersey's journey from source to mouth. The children gained a first-hand account of what human influences are impacting the river and what changes need to be made. Whilst on the ferry, we were also treated to a lifeboat show by the RNLI to mark 4,000 lives saved and their 200-year anniversary. All in all, it was a fantastic school trip!

**Weekly Updates... Sporting Success** Our school netball team braved the cold weather on Wednesday this week to take part in a match against Branwood Primary School. The team played brilliantly and although they lost they showed good spirit and team work. We also had a group of girls from Y5 and Y6 taking part in a football tournament against other local primary schools this afternoon – we will let you know how they got on next week. Well done to all the children who represented our school so well and many thanks to all the parents & carers who came to cheer them on; and to the team coaches – Mr. D. Foster and Mr Houston.

### **Red Nose Day**

We will be supporting Red Nose Day again this year with a fund-raising non-uniform day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March for this good cause. The children can come to school in their own clothes – these can be linked to the theme of red nose day and the colour red if they want to. In return, we are asking for a donation of £1 which can be given on-line via the School Spider or the Just Giving link that was emailed to you.

### **Emotion Coaching Parental Workshop**

We held our first emotion coaching workshop after school on Thursday evening and we were delighted by the positive response to it. The session was delivered by our school educational psychologist and supported by Mrs Mitchell (our well-being leader). At Wardley Primary School, we actively implement emotion coaching to support our pupils, and now, with parents adopting these techniques, we are working together to create a positive and supportive environment for our children. Our first emotion coaching session was a resounding success, further strengthening the bond between our school and parents. We look forward to continuing to find ways to work together with our local community

### **Marble Jar Treat Days**

Our Y1 & Y2 children have filled their class marble jars and will be having their reward treat day on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> March. Well done children!

### **Spring Term Parents' Evening Appointments**

The spring term parent evening appointments give you a great opportunity to talk to your child's teacher and look at the children's work. Our spring term parents' evenings will be held in school and are set to run over two Monday evenings - 18<sup>th</sup> March and 25<sup>th</sup> March. Each parent evening slot will be ten minutes long. The parent evening times can be booked through the School Spider online system – simply log on and choose which of the available slots you would like.

### **The British Science Week 2024 poster competition is now open!**

Over the last few years, we have had some fabulous entries from all year groups and we would love for more of the same this year. The theme for 2024 is 'Time'. The children can create a poster showing how a certain type of technology has changed over time, or even the advancement of time-telling technology itself. Budding poster makers could also go futuristic and show us how they think the world might look in years to come, or perhaps look at nature – lifecycles, lifespans, evolution and hibernation – nature is full of timely topics. The posters submitted to the competition will be judged on creativity, how well they fit the theme and how well they have been made or drawn. The deadline for bringing your poster into school is Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024. Any poster entries should either be handed directly to our science leader (Mr Houston) or to your child's class teacher.

### **Safeguarding Update - New devices**

If your child has a new device, have you set up parental controls? All consoles offer parental controls such as limiting the time spent on the device or restricting who your child can communicate with. Find out the specific settings below:

- **PlayStation:** <https://www.playstation.com/engb/support/account/psn-safety-parents-guide/>
- **Xbox:** <https://www.xbox.com/en-GB/family-hub>
- **Nintendo Switch:** <https://www.nintendo.co.uk/Hardware/Nintendo-Switch-ParentalControls/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls-1183145.html>

### **Reminders from the office .....**

- Parents' Evening slots can be booked on the School Spider App
- Donations for the Easter raffle can be sent into the school office

## **Our Christian values and thoughtful time .....**

### **Easter Celebrations & Cards**

The junior classes (Y3 – Y6) will all be attending an Easter Service led by Father Jeremy and our Y6 senior pupils at All Saints Church on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 10am. Parents and carers are welcome to attend. Our EYFS and Y1 children will be putting on their own short Easter shows in the school hall for their parents and carers to attend. The Nursery class will have their Easter show on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 2.40pm, the Y1 class will have their show on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 9am and the Reception class will have their show on the same day at 2.40pm.

As part of these Easter celebrations, we are also inviting all the children to make an Easter card at home, and bring it into school on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March. These cards will then be collected by Father Jeremy to distribute to members of the local community. The Easter cards should have the message along the lines of 'Wishing You A Happy Easter from Wardley CE Primary School' inside.

Finally, we will be holding an Easter egg raffle in school on the last day of term – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March. All the money that we raise from the raffle will go towards purchasing new resources for the school. If anyone would like to donate a small prize, such as an Easter egg, to the raffle please send it into school by Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Electronic raffle tickets can be bought via the School Spider App or by bringing money into school to give to the class teacher. The price is £1 per raffle tickets. Please note you will not receive a physical ticket, your child's name will be entered electronically into the draw and winners will be selected by spinning the wheel during the assembly.

### **Collective Worship Theme – Lent**

This half-term in our collective worship we continued to explore the theme of Lent by giving the children the opportunity to think and reflect upon the school and local communities that they are part of. This week we looked at the importance of our families and thought about how they help us and how we could help them.