



Mount Carmel RC Primary Newsletter

Truth, Love, Life to The Full

Spring Week 5- 9/2/24

Message from the Headteacher

Next week we start the Lenten season. Ash Wednesday, the six-week journey of Lent begins on February the 14th. During Lent, as a school community, we will demonstrate a deeper commitment to prayer, taking action and giving of ourselves so that we are renewed ready to receive new life at Easter. On Wednesday afternoon, we will start the season of Lent with a whole school Mass and ashes will be distributed during the service. Mass will start at 1:30pm at Mount Carmel Church. Parents and carers are more than welcome to join us.

Year 4S are leading a special Lenten collective worship on Thursday 15th February at 2:45pm in the Junior Hall. Year 4S would like to invite their parents and carers to join this special worship.

Next week, the children will bring home St Joseph Penny boxes. We ask that you keep the box over the Lenten period and add any small change. The money collected is used by Caritas projects across Greater Manchester and Lancashire.

Have a great weekend.

With love and prayers,

Mrs Seaborn

In The Curriculum

'My Voice Matters' was the theme of Children's Mental Health Week and it was great to see the children dressing to express themselves today! The children have taken part in assemblies, lessons and well-being workshops. The children have discussed how their voice matters and can make a difference. Some children have been so inspired by the message that they have created great posters at home!



Safer Internet Day was a huge success on Wednesday. Children across the school explored how the Internet can be used safely to inspire change and make a positive difference. Thank you to the parents who attended the parent workshop this morning.

The Year 6 children have had an amazing couple of days at Robinwood in Todmorden. During their 3 day residential the children have taken part in a range of activities that have both challenged and stimulated their imaginations. Alongside this, they have been developing excellent team work skills. A big thank you to the teachers and staff who made this residential possible. A big well done to our Y6 children for representing the school with exemplary behaviour. You should all sleep well this weekend!





Half Term

School closes for half term on Thursday the 15th February at the normal time. School opens on Monday 26th February.

Manchester Active February Half Term Offer

February half term is fast approaching. MCRactive and Manchester City Council are offering thousands of FREE places for children eligible for benefits-related free school meals. Activities will range from Sport and Physical Activities, Arts and Crafts and much more. In addition to the activities, their booked place will include a FREE meal during the day.

For more information & to book your child's space*: You will need to sign up for an MCRactive Go account <https://www.mcactive.com/> (sign in) to book free February Half Term activities. Once signed up, log into your account – Find Activities – Search by Category 'MCR Holiday Activity' - . Use code: 29765 to book free eligible activities. Please also visit <https://loadstodo.co.uk/> to view additional FREE holiday activities and other opportunities taking place across the city.

*Please only book your child onto a holiday camp if they will be attending. Spaces at each camp are limited. If you book a space and your child can no longer attend, please cancel your space as far in advance as possible, to allow the opportunity for another child to take their space at the activity and free meal.

Attendance Raffle for EYFS and KS1 Children.

To thank you for getting your children into school every day and on time, we are going to introduce a prize raffle every half term for the Infant Department. At the end of each half term, if your child has achieved 100% attendance, their name will be entered into the raffle to win a £30 Asda voucher. Next term is only 24 days! Be in to win!

Parental Survey- Behaviour Policy

We are in the process of writing a new behaviour policy. We are speaking to all stakeholders about their thoughts on behaviour at Mount Carmel. A big thank you to the parents who have completed the survey on the school spider app. If you haven't completed this short survey, there is still time! All responses will be carefully considered by the senior leadership team when amending the school's behaviour policy.

Bid Bedtime Read



Children in Nursery to Year 6, are invited to join us for Mount Carmel's Big Bedtime Story Event on **Tuesday 13th February** from 5:00- 5:45pm.

Children are invited to come back to school in their pyjamas. They may bring a teddy bear or blanket if they wish.

Whilst the children are enjoying bedtime stories in their classrooms with a drink and a biscuit, all parents are invited to listen to a short talk from 5.10 to 5.40pm in the infant hall. The talk will be about the benefits of reading bedtime stories and will include a phonics refresher. We look forward to seeing you there.

Virtues and Values

This term we are growing to be 'Compassionate and Loving'. We will be promoting these values in school through our collective worship and in discussions with the children. Each week a child in each class will be chosen for a special certificate for using these values and will have afternoon tea with Mrs Seaborn.

"Compassionate towards others, near and far, especially the less fortunate, and loving by their actions and forgiving words."

Attendance

Every day counts! The raffle for 100% attendance in KS2 will take place on Thursday.

There are 3 x £10 Amazon vouchers to be won.

Nursery	90%	Year 3D	98.7%
Reception S	88.3%	Year 3R	98.3%
Reception J	98%	Year 4L	97.7%
Year 1B	90.7%	Year 4S	93.5%
Year 1L	98.2%	Year 5H	94.8%
Year 2C	96.7%	Year 5W	99.4%
Year 2G	96.7%	Year 6B	94%
		Year 6C	98.3%

Dates for the Diary	
13/2/24	Big Bedtime Read 5pm (More information to follow)
14/2/24	Ash Wednesday Mass- Reception to Y6 will attend Mass. Ashes will be distributed
15/2/24	Year 4S- Lent Collective Worship 2:45pm (Year 4S Parents welcome- Junior Hall)
15/2/24	School closes for half term
27/2/24	SEND Parent Drop in with Mrs Watson (am)
7/3/24	World Book Day (More information to follow)
19/3/24	Junior Parents' Evening
20/3/24	Infant Parents' Evening
27/3/24	Stations of the Cross Liturgy for Y6 parents 2:45pm (Junior Hall)
28/3/24	Easter Play (Year 2) – Year 2 Parents welcome 9 am (Infant Hall)
28/3/24	School closes for Easter at 1:30pm