

ST. AMBROSE PREPARATORY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 21st April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Easter! Welcome back to the second week of Easter which has been very productive and very busy as you will see on social media and in the photographs included in this newsletter.

In assembly this week we focused on Earth week which is a worldwide celebration of our beautiful environment and this year's theme is 'Invest in our planet.' The pupils, from nursery to Prep 4 have been very enthusiastic when offering ideas as to how to look after our planet, from switching off lights, litter picking and walking rather than using the car. All pupils were very knowledgeable about the issues of climate change and the need to work together to reverse its affects and some are clearly passionate about how things need to change moving forward. I even learnt some facts that I was previously unaware of.

The celebration assembly on Wednesday is most definitely the highlight of my week where we celebrate the achievements and talents of our school community and this week did not disappoint. We had certificates for the wonderful musicians who overcame nerves to perform to an excellent standard in their exams and I look forward to further performances in assemblies in the future.

Gabriel Moorhouse 132 distinction singing gr 1, Dominic Strosnider 126 merit singing gr 1, Daniel Crozier 125 merit singing gr 1, Sebastian Salmacis 116 pass piano gr 2, Charlie McCann Pass 115 piano gr 1, Vincent Greer 126 merit initial grade piano, Chimmy Ogaziechi 127 merit initial grade piano, Rory David prep test piano, Eddie Forster prep test piano, Calvin Miranda recorder grade 1 pass 116, Joseph Haigh recorder grade 1 112 pass, Theo Smith Grade 2 Piano 115 pass.

The Cross is the central symbol of Christianity because it speaks to Christians of both the death and resurrection of Jesus at Easter. It speaks of sacrifice and suffering but also of new life and, above all, hope. Over the Easter break, Mrs Cooke set the children a challenge to design a cross that represents the hope that the resurrection brings and the children did not disappoint. We were overwhelmed with the beautiful, creative art the children presented. So much so, that there was no way she could choose just one winner. After speaking with Fr. Tom, the crosses will be displayed at Holy Angels for our parish community to share and enjoy.

The PTFA continue to work really hard to support the school but this is proving challenging as they need more parent volunteers to help with a number of exciting events coming up, including a Circus in June. If you are willing to join the PTFA or even just help at some events please email Ms Ennis and she will pass your details on to the existing members. The PTFA really do a fantastic job in working with the school and I would urge you to join if you can spare the time and your expertise. Thank you.

Due to the resurfacing of Holy Angels car park, I did ask a favour of the Bull's Head for parent parking and they agreed but please see the message below from the Manager.

In this exception for the parents needing to use our car park, we would advise that all parents need to validate their car registration on our tablets that are located by the inside of both front doors to our lodge and pub.

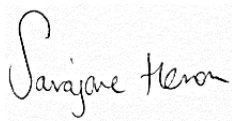
We are open Mon-Fri from 7am so access to a tablet will be available.

If the car exceeds the 20-minute time limit and leaves the car park without being validated on our tablet system, we cannot do anything due to Smart Parking being an external company.

Any issues with fines, we will of course try our best with our contacts at Smart Parking to resolve.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Ms Heron

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarajane Heron". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

Ms Heron

SAFEGUARDING NOTICE

As mentioned in previous communication, we need your assistance with the Safeguarding of your children. Please can I ask that you close the gate after yourself if you are coming into school outside of school drop off and pick up.

If your child is late to school, please ensure they enter the building through the main entrance so that Mrs Ennis is aware of their arrival.

Parents/Carers will not be allowed into school with their child in the morning. This is to safeguard everybody. Please drop your child off at the line in the playground or at the office.

We are aware that parking can be an issue, especially as the building work continues. Please can I remind you all not to park in the staff carpark and to park with consideration. Please ensure that you park up and walk your child into the playground.

WHAT'S ON - Dates for the Diary

WHAT	WHEN	WHO	NOTES
Cricket Match at Home	Tuesday 25 th April	Prep 2 v Ladybarn	After school @ 4.00pm
Assembly & Coffee Morning	Wednesday 26 th April at 9.00am	Prep 1 Class	Parents and Carers Welcome
EYFS Open Morning	Saturday 29 th April	Pupils in EYFS to attend if possible.	10.00am-12.00pm See letter on ParentMAil
Circus	Wednesday 21 st June	Pupils & families and the local community	More information to follow from the PFTA

News and Achievements

Pupils were challenged to design a cross to commemorate the true meaning of Easter. The results were astounding and one winner could not be picked as we are proud of them all!

Frank and Tristan were our super readers during our sponsored read. They read the most across the infants and juniors adding on extra minutes for our competition to raise money for our school library.



Edmund's Footsteps Award

Charlie and Martin were the recipients of the Edmund Rice award this week for demonstrating kindness, sportsmanship and superb prefecting!



HOT LUNCH MENUS - UPDATED

Lunch Menu Week 1					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main meals	Beef Bolognaise or Tomato & Basil Sauce	Chicken Goujons or Cheese & Onion Quiche	Sweet & Sour Chicken or Lentil Bolognaise	Beef Lasagne or Vegetable Lasagne	Breaded Haddock or Macaroni Cheese
Accompanied by	Pasta	Oven Chips or Saute Potatoes	White Rice or Penne Pasta	Potato Wedges or Saute Potatoes	Oven Chips or Saute Potatoes
Served with	Sweetcorn	Sweetcorn or Peas	Mixed Vegetables or Broccoli	Sliced Carrots or Vegetable Medley	Peas or Sweetcorn
Desserts	Chocolate Chip Pudding with	Selection of Cold	Apple Sponge	Selection of Cold Desserts	Stick Toffee Pudding

Lunch Menu Week 2					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main meals	Chicken & Pasta with Tomato & Herbs or Macaroni Cheese	Roast Turkey in Gravy or Cheese & Onion Pie	Chicken & Ham Pie with Flaky Pastry Top or Meat Free Mushroom & Chicken Style Pie	Pasta Carbonara or Cauliflower & Broccoli Pasta	Breaded Haddock or Bean Chilli
Accompanied by	Croquette Potatoes	Golden Roast Potatoes	Mashed Potato or Boiled Potatoes	Potato Wedges or Saute Potatoes	Oven Chips or White Rice
Served with	Peas or Mixed Vegetables	Broccoli or Sweetcorn	Sweetcorn or Peas	Sliced Carrots or Summer Vegetables	Baked Beans or Sweetcorn
Desserts	Selection of Cold Desserts	Summer Fruit Crumble	Selection of Cold Desserts	Chocolate Chip Sponge	Selection of Cold Desserts