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Dear Parents,

The season of Lent is now upon us. Father Mark's Ash Wednesday service was a lovely way to start this important time in the Church's year. The children were very reflective and gave some lovely responses. The Worship Team are writing Lenten Challenges for us all, building on the three traditions of Lent - prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The challenges will include prayer and challenges to do.

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Football Competition Congratulations to all thirty-two of our children who took part in the Infant Football Competition at Shenfield High School on Tuesday afternoon. The children all took part with great energy and enthusiasm. Well done to our girls team (Anna, Erin, Immy, Isla, Rose) who won the girls competition.

World Book Day The school was transformed yesterday into a very exciting school with characters from a range of favourite books. Well done to everyone for the super costumes.

World Book Day Vouchers I hope that everyone enjoys using their World Book Day voucher. Remember that they can be used at your local bookshop and exchanged for one of the £1 World Book Day books which the children have seen in school. If you prefer, you can use your book token to get £1 off any full price book costing at least £2.99. Then all you have to do is take your book home and enjoy it.

Class worship Our next class worship of the Spring Term will be on Wednesday, 20th March, and will be led by Y1S. Parents and younger siblings of children in Y1S are welcome to join us for this worship at 9am. The class are very excited and looking forward to sharing their worship with you.

School Meals We will be on week 2 of the menu next week, with jacket potatoes (cheese and coleslaw / cheese / baked beans / quorn bolognaise) on Monday.



Book Week 2019 will take place in the week beginning Monday 18th March. We are looking forward to a range of activities:

Author visit We are delighted that we will be joined by Simon Murray, author and illustrator of the 'Icky Doo Dah' series of books, on Tuesday 19th March. Simon has a particular passion for illustrations and will be working with every class during the course of the day.

Book Swap Our annual Book Swap has proved to be very popular, so we are delighted to be holding it again this year. Each child is invited to donate a book that they no longer read. On Wednesday 20th March, each child will be asked to give 20p in order to take part in the book swap. They will then bring home a different donated book that they can get some use out of. We will be accepting books for the swap from Monday 18th March. Please give them to your child's classteacher.

Reading in School Book Week 2019 As you all know, we really enjoy reading in school and we hope that a good number of you (Grandparents welcome too!) will be able to bring and share your

favourite children's books with the children on Friday 22nd March. For Reception this will take place from 8.45am until 9am and for Key Stage 1 from 9am until 9.15am. This will take place in your child's classroom. We hope that many of you can join us to share many exciting books together.

Headteacher's Awards

Week ending Friday 8th March



Y2N	Jacob Shaw
Y21P -Y2	Phoebe Riordan
Y1FA	Lilia Keith
ROH	Macie Brown
RMN	Destiny Odeyemi

Y2C	Cayden Walsh
Y1	Olly West
Y1S	Edward Baron
RS	Evie O'Neale



Attendance Cup This week's winners are Y2N with 99.3%.

Punctuality Bear This week's winners are St Matthew's with the fantastic 100%.

Noak Hill Gymnastics Club are holding SEN sessions at their gym on the last Saturday of every month, starting on Saturday 25th May, between 1-2pm. The sessions cost £5.00 per child and there is no need to book in advance.

Think of a Question is our family challenge!

Thank you for all the interesting questions sent into school this week including:

'The little girl looks sad and tired - is she? What is the teddy bear's name?' Isabelle G, ROH

'Why is she carrying a teddy bear on the road?

Why is she on her own?' Jessica, Y1S

'Is she sad?' Jacob, Y2N

'Where is the little girl going? Why is she carrying such a big teddy?

Is she crossing the road?' Violet, RMN

If you have not yet sent in your question, there is a speech bubble at the end of the newsletter for you to do so. Please send any questions that you think of at home into school next week and they will be added to the whole school display.



Yours sincerely,

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