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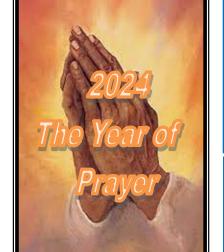
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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"The evil one makes us see and condemn our frailty, whereas the Spirit brings it to light with tender love. Tenderness is the best way to touch the frailty within us. Pointing fingers and judging others are frequently signs of an inability to accept our own weaknesses, our own frailty. Only tender love will save us from the snares of the accuser. That is why it is so important to encounter God's mercy, especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, where we experience his truth and tenderness." (Pope Francis, Patris Corde, 2)



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



God of love

School Website: www.stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk

We pray for peace in our world, and an end to war.
Instead of hatred, let there be love.
Shelter your children and protect us.
Guide us and keep us from harm,
so we can build a world of love and live our lives in peace.
Amen

JESUS IN THE TEMPLE



During the Passover, Jesus and His Disciples went to Jerusalem to celebrate and visit the Temple. Jesus saw shame and deception in the Temple as merchants were selling the wares for worship even the animals needed for the sacrifice. He was justifiably angry that His Father's house was being used in such an inappropriate manner.

Jesus' cleansing of the temple is also a prophetic sign of what he wants to do with each of us. He is always seeking to cleanse us of sin and make us living temples of his Holy Spirit. As we enter the

last few weeks of Lent, we pray that we are able to cleanse ourselves of all that keeps us apart from Jesus and so enjoy his presence both now and forever.

HEADS UP

St Peter

In RE, they acted out the story of Jesus and the blind man. They have also been on a very exciting walk to the Water Tower. They then revised sounds and words in Phonics. In Music, they sang Five Little Monkeys and drew a 'Hundred Decker Bus' in Drawing Club- we would love to see that!!

LENTEN REFLECTION

Pupils from the Middle School, Year 3 & 4, will be performing the Lenten Reflection in school during the final week of term.

Tuesday 26th March performance for the school

Wednesday 27th March 2pm performance to parents

Wednesday 27th March 6.30pm performance to Parents.

Tickets are not required for these performances. For the evening performance could children please return to school at 6pm.

NO PHOTOGRAPH'S OR VIDEOING OF PERFORMANCES Due to safeguarding protocol we have to enforce a blanket ban on parent's videoing or photographing any part of any performance in school.

98% Attendance Owl awarded to St Andrew's Class for week ending 1st March 2024

95% Whole School attendance for week ending 1st March 2024

CHARITY RAFFLE TICKETS

Year 6 pupils will begin selling raffle tickets the week commencing Monday 4th March. No tickets will be sold during Holy Week and the draw will take place when we return after the Easter Holidays Tickets will cost 20p each and staff will generously be providing prizes.



CELEBRATION OF THE WORD

During Lent, our Mini Vinnies lead our Monday Celebration of the Word. You can find a copy of the readings and prayers on our website each week.

https://www.stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk/page/?title=Our+Prayer+Life%3A+Lent&pid=757

SEMINARIAN OF THE MONTH

Farvin Gonsalves is originally from Goa India. He moved to Reading after finishing a Masters degree in Computer Applications and worked as a software tester before

starting to study for the priesthood. He is in his second year and has enjoyed visiting museums while he is studying in London. He also helps young people prepare for their Confirmation. Farvin asks that we continue to pray for peace, especially in the Holy Land and Ukraine.



WEDNESDAY MORNING MASS

St Bartholomew walked to Mass on Wednesday 6th, St Barnabas will be attending Mass at St Joseph's on Wednesday 13th March at 9.30am.

Parents and families are welcome to join them.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March

Thurs 7th YrR Height, Weight and Hearing Tests

Thurs 7th World Book Day

Sat 9th 10.30am First Holy Communion Session

Tues 12th YrR Vision Screening

Sat 16th 10.30am First Holy Communion Session

Thurs 21st Last Street Dance Fri 22nd LKS2 Topic Day TBC

Sat 23rd 10.30am First Holy Communion Session

Mon 25th 1.30pm Reconciliation

Wed 27th Lenten Reflection 2pm and 6.30pm

Thurs 28th 1pm END OF TERM

APRIL

Mon 15th INSET DAY—School closed to pupils

Tues 16th Pupils return

Sat 20th 10.30am First Holy Communion Session Sat 27th 10.30am First Holy Communion Session

MAY

Sat 11th First Confessions at Church

Mon 13th SATs Week

Sat 18th First Holy Communion

Fri 24th Sports Day followed by Family Picnic

Mon 27th HALF TERM Week

JUNE

Mon 3rd INSET DAY—School closed to pupils

Mon 10th Class Photos

Fri 21st Fun Jar for Crazy Hair
Wed 26th St Matthew School Trip TBC
Thurs 27th St Philip School Trip TBC
Fri 28th St Barnabas School Trip TBC
Fri 28th Dress Down for Bottle Tombola

Fri 28th Mass for St Peter and St Paul at school

Fri 28th Family Fun Night (3.30—7pm)

JULY

Mon 22nd Leavers Mass 10am at Church

Wed 24th 1pm END OF TERM

MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

OFFICE HOURS—Mon—Thurs 8.00—3.30pm, Fri 8.00—8.15 and 8.45—3.30pm

ROSARY

Weekly Rosary Group will be held at 9am each

Wednesday. It is a very informal group, our prayers last only around 15 minutes, all parents and carers are most welcome, just turn up after dropping off children.

NAMED CLOTHING

Please ensure that all clothing items are clearly named.

ABSENCES

When notifying school of your child's absence, please leave the exact nature of their illness/reason for absence. 'Unwell' is not accepted as a reason by the Education Welfare Officer.