

8th February 2018

Mardi Gras

The children will be preparing for Lent by celebrating Mardi Gras on Tuesday as this was traditionally the final day to use up rich foods and sweet things before we turn our thoughts to Lent. Each class will be celebrating 'Mardi Gras' using a range of activities such as dance, music and baking during the day. It sounds like fun and helps us to appreciate different traditions from around the world whilst we are revisiting our International Schools Award.



Ash Wednesday Mass at 9:15 a.m. – All welcome to join us.

The beginning of Lent starts with Ash Wednesday. On Monday Fr Francis will be preparing the ashes with Year 3 using the palm branches blessed on the previous year's Palm Sunday. At Mass he blesses the **ashes**, and places a cross on the forehead of everyone and says the words "*Repent, and believe in the Gospel*".

It is the tradition during Lent to prepare for Easter by fasting, doing works of love and praying. Our Caritas Ambassadors will be encouraging us to think of new ways to raise money for the projects in our diocese which includes Sr Joan and Cornerstone. We hope you can support the St Joseph Penny Boxes by collecting coins during this time. The boxes will be sent out next week and as always a huge thank you for all your support and kindness at this time of the year.



Viking workshop

A great time was had by our UKS2 with our Viking visitor last week. Sword battles, how to wash clothes and speaking in Norse. Great feedback from the staff and children. Well done everyone for getting so much out from the day.

Sacramental Meeting – Monday 12th March at 3:30 p.m. in the main hall.

Fr Francis is looking forward to going through the next stage in preparation for Holy Eucharist. Please make sure a family member attends and your child comes to the Catechist lesson, as they need to complete the programme before making their First Holy Communion.



Parent Hub: Please read the information with the newsletter for a new way of supporting home/school communication. Many thanks

School trips coming up

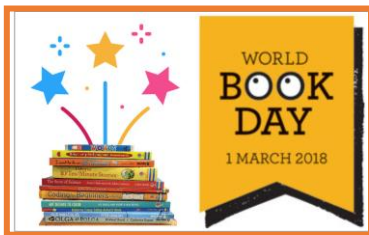


Lower Keystage 2 Manchester Museum visit on Tuesday 6th March - Egyptian Activities a voluntary contribution of £9.50

Please note:

- ✦ If a parent/carer need financial assistance please contact school in confidence.
- ✦ We are currently reviewing our charging and remissions policy and will let you know when it has been updated.
- ✦ If insufficient voluntary contributions are raised to fund an activity, and the school cannot fund it via another source, the activity will have to be cancelled.

✦ It is not possible to give refunds if your child is ill, if the suppliers will not refund school.



World Book Day – 1st March 2018

We like to support World Book Day as it is a great opportunity to celebrate our love of reading and to encourage every child to become a reader for life.

This year the theme is **fantasy books** and children are invited to dress up for the day. We really do not want parents/carers to go to any extra expense or for it to take too much time. Take a look at


<https://www.mumsnet.com/books/world-book-day-costume-ideas> that has

73 easy world book day outfits for ideas. Hope this helps!

Parent's Evening 6th & 7th March. Appointments will be available to book via your account on Scopay.com from 4pm this evening.

Can you help? Mrs. Myerscough is looking for volunteers to help with our garden area on Tuesday 20th February during half term. If you can help please contact the office to give your name. Please bring spades, wellies and any equipment you think will be useful.

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Community News

Beavers are looking for new members



Who: St John & St Mark Beaver scout group

When: Meet every Monday 6pm - 7pm

Where: St Johns church hall, Parkinson St, Bury

Age: Children need to be aged from 5 & 3/4 to 8yrs old
Subs £2 per week

Contact number for Mr Boles is 07733580125 or just turn up on Monday at 6pm

CHESHAM FOOD BANK

If you know someone who is struggling to make ends meet, please let them know about the Emergency Food Bank at Chesham Fold Community Centre at 95/97 Chesham Fold Road, Bury BL9 6HZ

When? Thursdays from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. or contact in strictest confidence Sr. Joan on 07891 526 513 or 0161 253 6465

If you would like to make any donations our school is a collection point, via the main office