

# Bishop Martin Bulletin



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Welcome to our Spring Newsletter. It's great to see the sun shining and the nights getting lighter. We hope you all enjoyed the half term break. We have another busy term ahead of us with lots of exciting activities planned for the children.

## ... Philosophy for Children (P4C)

We are proud to share that we have achieved the SAPERE Philosophy for Children Bronze award, this shows that P4C is well embedded and we are using it across our whole school community. We have already begun working towards our silver.



## ... Rights Respecting School

The Rights Respecting Schools Award gives children a powerful language to use to express themselves and to challenge the way they are treated. They are also able to challenge injustices for other children. Children and young people are empowered to access information that enables them to make informed decisions about their learning, health and wellbeing. We are delighted our school has been awarded the UNICEF RIGHTS RESEPECTING SCHOOL BRONZE AWARD. Well Done everyone! We are now working towards silver!



## Welcome!



We wish to extend a very warm welcome to our new cook. Michael joined us at the end of last term and is settling in well getting to know all the children.



Check out our website for dinner menus and food policy

## Our Christian Value this half term is JUSTICE.

“What does the Lord require of you? To do justice, love mercy and to walk humbly with your God”. Micah 6.9

Words of Wisdom :

“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”  
Martin Luther King Jr



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### ... Fund Raising for our Playground

We are now up to an amazing £9,000 for our Playground Improvement Project (PIP). Huge thanks to our amazing PTA and all the parents supporting us!



### ... Attendance and Punctuality

We ended Spring Term 1 with a whole school attendance of 97.6% , well done!! We are above our target of 97.5%. Please remember that school cannot authorise holidays during term time.

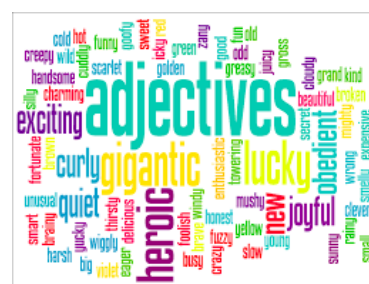
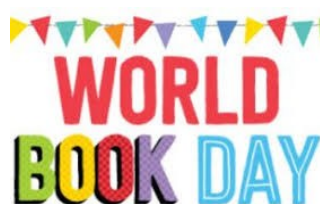
Please ensure your child is in school on time. Classroom doors close at 8:55am. After this time your child must enter through the main office.

Attendance upto 28th February 2019	
Reception	97.3%
Year 1	98.2%
Year 2	96.4%
Year 3	98.3%
Year 4	97.3%
Year 5	97.2%
Year 6	98%



By completing the daily mile we are embedding values of 'healthy body, healthy mind!'. It helps us to concentrate in class too. We are becoming fit, reducing stress and anxiety and improving our resilience !

On World Book Day, Thursday 7th March we had a Book Character Potato competition! We would like to thank all the children who took part and the winners will be revealed in worship on Monday. To celebrate our love of reading we also invited children to dress up as a character from their favourite book or alternatively, linking with our love of language, children dressed as their favourite adjective. The children looked amazing!!



### ... World Book Day



We have lots of exciting clubs on this term. We still have a few spaces for school band on Wednesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm (NB your child must already be having lessons). If interested, please contact the school office. Thank you.



Friends n Fun breakfast and after school club is available throughout the year from 7:30am—6pm. Contact: Claire Smith, Friends n Fun Manager. friendsnfun@ldst.org.uk



### ... Parking issues

A polite reminder to all parents and carers to park safely and respectfully. Please **DO NOT** park on or drop your children off on the zig zags. Thank you





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## ... Water bottles



We have noticed quite a few children forgetting their water bottles. Children should bring in a water bottle every day. The bottles should be taken home at the end of each day to be washed ready for the next day.

Water is the best drink, as it does not contain any sugar or other additives. It keeps our bodies hydrated and research suggests adequately hydrated children may perform better in school.

Children taking part in sports or exposed to warm weather need to replenish the lost fluids by drinking more water.

By using our re-useable water bottles we help save our planet too!



## ... School Clean Air Zone



When it comes to the health of your children and the health of the wider school community I know that everybody will want to do everything they can to help out. That's why we are asking everybody to remember to turn off their engines when parked near our school. Car exhausts emit toxins that have a proven harmful effect on children and if numerous parents leave their cars running during a busy school morning then harmful levels will quickly build up.

Car exhausts also contribute to global warming, acid rain and damage the local environment too and our school is working to become more eco-friendly. For these reasons I know everyone will want to make a difference by switching off their engines when parked near our school.

**Show you care about our air and  
please turn off your engine!**

**Thank You**





## On the Horizon ...

Wednesday 13th to 15th March	Year 2 Barnstondale Residential Trip
Friday 15th March	Red Nose Day—more info to follow
Wednesday 20th March	Year 6 More Able Reasoning Group at Much Woolton Primary School
Friday 22nd March	Reception Class Superhero Day! - separate letter to follow
Monday 25th March	INSET DAY - staff training day - school closed to children
Wednesday 27th to 29th March	Year 3 & Year 4 Hothersall Lodge Residential Trip
Wednesday 3rd April	Parents Evening
Friday 5th April	Reception Class Stay and Play 9:00am
Wednesday 10th April	Parents Evening
Thursday 11th April	Easter Service at St Peter's led by Year 3—Tea and coffee to be served from 8.30am
Wednesday 17th April	Year 6 More Able Reasoning Group at Much Woolton Primary School
Monday 13th to 16th May	Year 6 SATs week
Sunday 19th May	PTA Car Boot Sale
Monday 20th May	Christian Aid Week
Tuesday 21st May	Reception Class visit to Croxteth Hall Park Farm—more details to follow nearer the time
Wednesday 12th to 14th June	Year 6 Dearne Valley Residential Trip
Monday 17th June	INSET DAY - staff training day - school closed to children
Thursday 27th June	CSC Chess Tournament at St George's Hall
Saturday 29th June	PTA Summer Fun Day
Tuesday 2nd July	Ethos Day
Monday 8th July	INSET DAY - staff training day - school closed to children
Wednesday 24th July	PTA Ice Lolly Sale 3:30pm
	END OF TERM—school closes at 3:30pm with Friends n Fun open until 6:00pm

## ... Bishop Martin PTA have teamed forces with Virgin moneygiving!

The PTA have set themselves a challenging goal of raising £40k to improve the outside areas for our children, and to help this process have recently teamed up with Virgin Money Giving to enable more parents to get involved with this worthwhile project. Virgin Money Giving gives the option of raising funds via monthly donations, collecting gift aid or you could even do your own fundraising activity and donate the funds to our PTA charity! This scheme is not-for-profit so all funds will benefit the PTA directly. Please see the recent parent-mail or website for more information but please register, donate, promote and fundraise! Together we can make a difference.....

