



Through learning and loving we will follow Jesus.



NEWSLETTER

XII APOSTLES RCPS, NEL PAN LANE, LEIGH, WIGAN, WN7 5JS
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12th March 2020

Sponsor

XII APOSTLES

RAINBOWS (5 -7 yrs)

BROWNIES (7 -10 yrs)

GUIDES (10 -14 yrs)

SENIOR SECTION (14 -25 yrs)



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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Which class achieved the best attendance?



In school



On time

Week Commencing: 24th February 2020

Reception	92.07%	Year 1	95.00%
Year 2	98.33%	Year 3	95.00%
Year 4	97.67%	Year 5	97.67%
Year 6	98.39%		

Week Commencing: 10th February 2020

Reception	95.86%	Year 1	93.00%
Year 2	98.00%	Year 3	95.36%
Year 4	98.33%	Year 5	92.67%
Year 6	98.71%		



YEAR 6



Star of the Week – 28th February 2020

Well done to the following children:

Reception – James Little and Nancie Hardie

Year 1 – Harry Gallagher and Verity Coburn

Year 2 – Eadie Rasburn

Year 3 – Dixie Yates

Year 4 – Kornelia Bialek

Year 5 – Oliver Robinson

Year 6 – Ellie Davies

Star of the Week – 6th March 2020

Reception – Filip Gudyka and Hailey Balsamo

Year 1 – Joe Booth and Ruby Brown

Year 2 – Alfie Peebles

Year 3 – Megan Collier

Year 4 – Sienna Prescott

Year 5 – Ethan Atherton

Year 6 – Dayle Beach



Lenten Fundraising Activities

Easter Egg Donations

Thank you to all those that have donated Easter eggs to date or sent money in to buy tickets for the Easter Egg raffle. We are still appealing for eggs and the children are selling tickets at playtime for 10p

As previously mentioned we are now in the season of lent and this a time when we ask the children to consider how we can help others, both in our local and global community. With this in mind, we have nominated the following charities and planned a number of fundraising events this half term;



Royal Manchester
Children's Hospital **Charity**

Making a difference for every child, every day

The support that Royal Manchester Children's Hospital provides helps families to stay together and support one another during what can be a very difficult time for them.

The charity is about making a difference to the thousands of children they see every year. The charity supports

Diary Dates this Half Term

Year 4 Friday 13th March Retreat Day - Animate Youth Ministry at St Helens leaving school **9.00 am**.

Reception Mother's Day Assembly **9.00 am** on **Friday 20th March**. Parents and carers invited to join the whole school.

Year 4 Sacramental Preparation Session 4 **Wednesday 25th March** School Hall **4.30 pm**.

Parents Evenings - **Tuesday 24th March** and **Thursday 26th March** from **3.30 pm - 5.30 pm**.

Year 5 Easter Assembly on **Thursday 2nd April** at **9.00 am**. Parents and carers invited to join the whole school.

Friends Easter coffee morning and egg decoration competition. **Monday 6th April** at **9.00 am**.

Year 5 Trip to Amazon Warehouse in Altrincham, Manchester on **Tuesday 7th April** leaving at **8.30 am**.

Year 3 Trip to the Lake Windermere has been rearranged to **Tuesday 31st March** at **9.00 am**.

Whole School Easter Mass at XII Apostles School Hall on **Wednesday 8th April** at **9.30 am**.

Sports Update

Rugby – Friday 6th March the rugby team played their first match back and ran out 30-18 winners away at Golborne Community. A lot of effort from our team and well done to all the players involved. Man of the match was Leon Ramsdale.

Football – Friday 13th March there is a football match away at Bedford High School against St Ambrose. We wish all the players good luck!

World Book Day



projects that provide state-of-the-art and specialised equipment to help improve the diagnosis and treatment of children. They also support research that can help specialists to better understand children's illnesses and provide the treatments of the future and they support projects that help to create a more child friendly environment.

We will also be supporting CAFOD during lent. They are raising awareness of the threat to the Amazon rainforest and are looking at how we can help to defend its people, because their land and homes are being lost. Their way of life is on the line as they try to defend the Amazon.

Please visit the CAFOD web site to find out more about this plight

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/Lent>

CAFOD
Just one world



Lent 2020

CAFOD Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

no one beyond reach

Other Fundraising Events Include:

 **Rainbow Own Clothes Day – Friday 27th March** 

Children are invited to come into school wearing as many colourful clothes as possible so that all the colours of the rainbow can be seen. The children are asked to donate £1 on this day.

Penalty Shoot Out

Mrs Moore will be arranging a penalty shootout event for the children on the following dates. Children can donate a £1 to wear a football kit and have a go at the penalty shoot out
Tuesday 17th March 12-1 pm Infants
Tuesday 24th March 12.15pm -1.15pm Juniors



Competition Winners

Reception: Isla McCulloch
 Year 1: Caitlin Ackers
 Year 2: Jorgie Williams
 Year 3: Kamil Mintas
 Year 4: Carrie Little
 Year 5: Ellie Mae Davies
 Year 6: Cole Holding

The children and staff looked amazing in the wide variety of costumes depicting a wide range of book characters. Thank you parents for your efforts enabling your child to join in with the occasion.

Coronavirus – Talking to your child

We have seen images of people on television wearing face masks, news about schools closing, talk about putting people into quarantine, all of which can be very frightening for young children. So how do we talk to our children about the virus?

Don't avoid talking about it, at this stage it is very likely that even the youngest children will have heard about it. Having these conversations can ease their fears and address any misconceptions they may have. So, be calm and keep it simple.

Remember the Coronavirus is actually a version of the common cold virus. Just like the flu, it spreads by coughing and sneezing, or by hand contact. For every 10 people who get the virus, 8 of them will get a very mild dose. Some others will get a nasty flu but are still fine afterwards. A very small number of people who get it can get very sick. Reassure your child that very few children get the virus, and most that do have had the very mild type. In fact, some little babies have had it, and have recovered well. But people who already have serious health conditions, and elderly people have to be very careful to try to avoid it.

Most people if they get it will have to stay in bed until they get better. They won't go to the doctor but will try not to mix with other people as they can spread it by coughing. If people get the more serious case, they will go to hospital where the doctors will look after



World Famous Cake Sale – Friday 3rd April



Parents and children are asked to buy or bake cakes to donate for this popular event. The cakes will be priced at 10p each and children can bring money on the day.

Summer Fair – Friday 12th June – Friends of XII Apostles Fundraising Event

The friends are making an appeal for items for the tombola for this event. If you have any of the following that you are able to donate, please send in new and unwanted Christmas Gifts, toiletries, toys and gift sets.

Please support this event.

School Uniform

Once again I must remind parents that jewellery/make-up must NOT be worn to school;

- Rings
- Nail Polish
- Necklaces
- If ears are pierced, ONE pair or discreet studs may be worn. LLC policy states that earrings must be removed for PE lessons for health and safety reasons. If your child is unable to remove the earrings themselves they should not come to school with them in on PE days
- No other body piercing, i.e. nose piercings

This is for your child's safety and in line with our School Uniform Policy which can be found on the school website under

<https://www.twelveapostlesleigh.co.uk/parents/school-uniform/>

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Themed Lunches



To mark Easter and St Georges Day our cook will be preparing the following meals;

Easter – Monday 30th March 2020

Main Roast Chicken
 Or Tomato Pasta Bake
 Or Cheese Sandwich
 Dessert: Cornflake Cakes

them. Reassure your child that we have wonderful doctors, nurses and paramedics who are there to help us. We also have very clever doctors and researchers who are working to find a vaccination to protect people from the virus.

Remember to tell them that if they are worried just ask any questions. They shouldn't worry if some of their friends at school tell them stories about the virus, always come to you and ask.

There are three important things that our children can do to help protect themselves, their friends and family:

- **Wash your hands regularly**

Try to wash your hands with soap and water more often than you usually would. When you have been outside, every time before you eat, after using the bathroom, after being in any public place (like a playground). Wash for at least 20 seconds – sing the alphabet while you wash – and wash in between fingers well.

- **Cough or sneeze into your elbow**

The virus is spread when little droplets from your lungs spread and carry germs. So make sure to always cough or sneeze into a tissue or your elbow. If you sneeze into your elbow the germs aren't spreading in the air. Throw away any tissues after you use them.

- **Try not to touch your face**

Try not to touch your mouth, rub your eyes, or pick your nose! These are the places where germs enter our bodies, so by not touching them it is less likely the germs can get into your system.

Finally, we often talk about teaching our children to be compassionate, however there is a tendency to say to children 'don't worry about the Coronavirus, the only people in danger are those who are sick or the elderly'. We are doing this without any regard for those who are chronically ill, the elderly, or those with a compromised immune system. If we are serious about teaching our children about compassion, we should teach them that all of us have a responsibility to be careful to avoid the virus to protect those more vulnerable. Even if we don't have the virus ourselves, and we are strong and healthy, everyone needs to make sure to do the three things above to try to limit it spreading, and to protect the people who are most vulnerable.

St Georges Day – Thursday 23rd April 2020

Main Sausage, Mash and Beans

Or Fish, Chips and Peas

Or Cheese Sandwich

Dessert: Scone with jam and cream

If your child is on packed lunches but would like to have a school dinner on any of these days, please let the school office know.

Hand Sanitiser

In response to Coronavirus, a number of children are bringing their own hand sanitiser to school. Can I ask parents to label the bottle with their child's name. This should be kept in the child's tray or school bag to use at playtime or lunchtime. Children should be reminded that this should be used sensibly .

Safeguarding Pupils Walking To and From School Alone

A safeguarding policy has been sent home with your child earlier this week, *please see attached*. Can you please ensure that you have read, signed and returned this document to your child's class teacher if your child is in year 5 and 6 and you permit them to walk home on their own.

Parents' Evening

The teachers will be available to discuss your child's progress on the following dates:

Tuesday 24th March and Thursday 26th March from 3.30 pm - 5.30 pm.

Please find the appointment slip at the end of the newsletter and for those who do not have a printer, a hard copy will be sent home this evening with your child. Please complete and return it with your child to their class teacher.

Confirmation will be sent out to parents on **Friday 20th March.**

Newsletter Sponsorship

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9th - 15th Leigh Scout Group - Jane Riley - 07714417263

XII Apostles Rainbows, Brownies, Guides & Rangers - Cheryl Garvey - 07719357069

Parents Evening Reservation Form

Child's Name: _____ Year: _____

I / we would like an appointment on: *Tuesday 24th March

3.30pm – 4.00pm

4.00pm – 4.30pm

4.30pm – 5.00pm

5.00pm – 5.30pm

Or

*Thursday 26th March

3.30pm – 4.00pm

4.00pm – 4.30pm

4.30pm – 5.00pm

5.00pm – 5.30pm

*Circle preferred date and time

Signed _____