



# St Gerard's Catholic School Newsletter

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February 2020

*With Christ at our side and St Gerard as our guide we live, love, learn and pray together.*



It has been another busy month at St Gerard's with so much happening to celebrate. Thank you for your support with 'Number Day' – the children looked fantastic dressed as numbers and Times Table Rock Stars! Along with being a great day to celebrate our mathematical skills, we raised £216 for the NSPCC which is a great cause. Drama and song have inspired us the past few weeks as we were joined by the Image Theatre Company to watch, and participate in, their production of The Reluctant Dragon. Years 5 and 6, went to our local secondary schools Edmund Campion and Greenwood Academy to watch their performances of High School Music and Hairspray. The children were inspired by what they saw on stage. We started our Lenten journey with a wonderful mass in church. Despite Lent being a solemn period in our Church's year, I couldn't help but smile with pride as the children were so respectful when receiving the ashes and so knowledgeable about the season of Lent.



**Mr Crehan**

## Parish Liturgy Group & Altar Servers

Every Sunday, during 10.00am Mass, a children's liturgy group runs for children aged 3-7 years old. This is growing in success and we would encourage you to bring your child each week. Fr Mathew is also looking for new Altar Servers. Please see him to find out more details or ask at school.



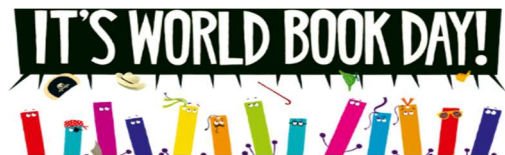
## First Holy Communion

Please note the changes to some of the dates relating to the children in Year 3's First Confession and First Holy Communion. There will be a meeting about these important events on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 9.00am**, followed by a parent workshop. We look forward to seeing you there.



## Toast Trial

The KS2 Children are really enjoying having toast available at breaktime. If your child would like to have toast please book this through the school office. The cost is £1 a week and you will need to pay for the half term.



## World Book Day 2020 – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Children may come to school dressed in their own clothes representing a character from a book or in pyjamas ready for a bedtime story. We ask you to contribute £1 on the day, which we will use to purchase new books and resources across the school.

## St Gerard's Catholic Church

Fr. Mathew is adding a mass on a Saturday in a hope that more children who have Sunday morning commitments can have the opportunity to attend a mass. The first Saturday mass will be on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 5.00pm.

## **Mass Times:**

Saturday Evening: 5.00pm

Sunday Morning: 10.00am (with Children's Liturgy)

## Message from our PCSO Julie Meer

If you would like to get more updates about your local area, please register online at [WMnow.co.uk](http://WMnow.co.uk)



**Stay updated  
Get involved**

## Events coming soon...

Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March		World Book Day – Dress Up
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	2.30pm	Celebration Assembly
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March		Book Fair in School ALL WEEK
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March		Parents Evening
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March		No SATs Club after School this week
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March		Parents Evening
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	9.00am	Y3 INSPIRE Workshop and Holy Communion Meeting
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	2.00pm	Palm Assembly Rec/Y1/Y2

### Change to Early May Bank Holiday 2020

There is a change to the early May Bank Holiday due to the commemoration of VE Day. The first May Bank Holiday **will NOT be Monday 4th May but Friday 8th May 2020.**



### Nursery Places

If you know of a child born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017, then please inform their parents that we have Nursery places available for September 2020. Children do not have to be baptised Catholic to attend our Nursery. Contact the school office to find out how to apply for a place at St Gerard's Nursery.

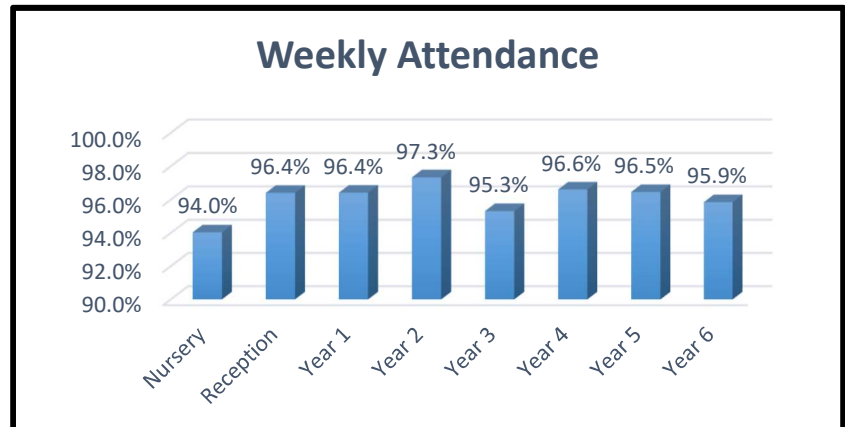
### Go Paperless

In an attempt to be more Eco-friendly and save money, the newsletter will be emailed to the address you have given us, displayed on our website and we will add a link to our Twitter feed. If you would still like a paper copy, please visit the school office. Please make sure we have your current email address on your contact forms.



### Attendance

Our target for attendance is 97%, we are at 96% at the moment – can we get beyond our target?



### Term Dates

Spring Term 2020	Summer Term 2020
Tuesday 7th January 2020	Monday 20th April 2020
to	to
Friday 14th February 2020	Friday 22nd May 2020
HALF TERM	HALF TERM 2 weeks
Monday 24th February 2020	Monday 8th June 2020
to	to
Thursday 9th April 2020	Friday 17th July 2020

### Gospel Virtues



### **PLEASE NOTE:**

**Only one week holiday for Easter and two weeks at Whitsun.**

*Children will return to School on:  
Wednesday 2nd September 2020.*

*If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact one of the safeguarding team: Mr Crehan, Mrs Nicholls, Mrs Powis, or Mrs Kissun.*

This half term we are trying to be more **Faith-filled** in our beliefs and **Hopeful** for the future.