



# St. Ambrose Barlow

## Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

It is incredible to think that we are twenty-one weeks through the academic year – over half way! We are building on small successes each week but still have a long way to go to get to where we want to be, which is a school that stands out in every way - for the quality of Catholic education that we offer the children to the level of Personal Development that our pupils experience. My door remains open should you wish to discuss any aspect of school life – good or bad!

### **Golden Book**

**Reception:** Ella Kirby for being enthusiastic in everything she has done this week, especially during 'reading practice' sessions. She has worked hard to sound out words and blend, improving her fluency throughout the week. She loved discussing the book especially which animals she would like to pat. Keep it up, Ella!

**Year One:** Emily Healy for continuing to impress staff with her fabulous reading, taking her time, reading clearly and using great expression. Emily is a kind and caring member of Year One and continues to be a super role model for others.

**Year Two:** Katie Deeley for creating some excellent pieces of writing during our 'traditional tales' topic. You are always thinking carefully about your choice of vocabulary and making sure you include our sentence tricks. Well done, Katie!

**Year Three:** Michael McMahon because his focus this week to edit, improve and up level his sentences in Literacy showed a

keenness to improve himself and his work. He has worked hard to show this level of commitment in all of his lessons.

**Year Four:** Jake Wynn always shows great curiosity in lessons, constantly asking questions, checking responses and is always eager to find out more. He consistently shows off all he can remember and recalls information from many different topics. Keep up the excellent work, Jake!

**Year Five:** Anthony Mano for consistently demonstrating a high standard of work across all subjects. Anthony works hard in all subjects, especially Maths! Anthony is conscientious and thoughtful; he is respectful and a pleasure to teach. Well done, Anthony!

**Year Six:** Teuta Zhegrova for always listening attentively, contributing to class discussions and putting in 100% effort. She has really grown in confidence this half term and has made super progress.

### **Caught being KiVa**

Who has been 'caught being kind' this week? Ava-Leigh Newton in Year Five, for being a fabulous team player, encouraging others and stepping up when called upon during the football tournament! Riley Stone in Year Six for showing great support to his team mates, keeping their heads up and celebrating their success with them during the basketball tournament. And James McColgan in Year One - when a younger child in Reception was a bit unsure about playing basketball at break time, James encouraged them to have a go and showed them what to do. Exactly the sort of behaviour we wish to encourage and promote here at St Ambrose Barlow!

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### **Sporting Success**

This week, it's basketball! Miss Ball and Mrs Bresnen accompanied our basketball players to a Catholic Schools tournament held at Nechells Leisure Centre. We unfortunately did not feature in the top three teams so no podium spot for us, but we were at least victorious over the eventual winners. All the players acted with integrity, manners and sportsmanship the whole time, and their conduct was remarked upon repeatedly. I am very proud of them.



Our team consisted of Katie, Kiera, Niall, Lucas, Riley, Liam, Ronan and Sebastian. Three house points each: one for determination, one for conduct, one for perseverance!

### **Welcome to our new staff**

Welcome to Miss Perkins, who is joining our staff team immediately after half-term. She will take some time getting to know the school and each class before taking over from Mrs Reynolds in Year Three. I am sure she will be a great success and I know you will make her feel very welcome.

### **Ten: Ten Workshops – just turn up!**

As you are aware, to fulfil the statutory requirement to teach RSHE (Relationships and Health Education), St Ambrose Barlow Catholic Primary School follows a programme provided by a Catholic company called Ten:Ten, an award-winning theatre, film and educational organisation working in Catholic Primary Schools throughout the UK. The programme provided by Ten:Ten is called *Life To The Full* and has been promoted by the Birmingham Diocesan Education Service. To familiarise themselves with the content covered in all year bands, parents are invited to a talk that will take place over a few different dates to ensure maximum parents can attend. These will take place on the following dates:

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> March: 15:00

Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> March: 15:00

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> March: 15:00

More information can be found on our website:

<https://www.sab.bham.sch.uk/rse.htm>

Depending on the need, we may hold more parent workshops later in the term, including scheduling them later in the evening should this be necessary.

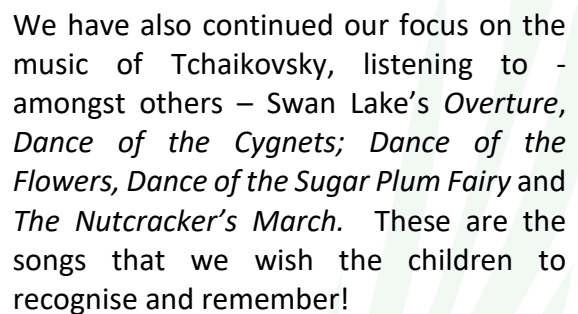
### **Parent Consultations**

These are scheduled to take place on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March. They will again take place in the school hall, with children's books on display in the classrooms. Miss Traynor will contact you directly to make an appointment with her, should one be needed. I will be available at any point on either day should you wish to speak to me. Mrs Reynolds will hold hers before she goes on maternity leave on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March, with a face to face option or a remote one via Teams, depending on parents' preference. These can take place throughout the day and after-school.

Children are invited to come into school on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March dressed as characters from their favourite book. The only requirement is that: a) they must have read the book, and b) they must come into school that day with a copy of the book. Homemade costumes are always much more fun than shop-bought ones, in my opinion, so don't feel like you have to go to any expense. Please try and refrain from sending children into school wearing football kits. And, if all else fails, I've dressed as *Burglar Bill* more times than I care to remember. Everyone owns a stripy t-shirt and I have a fine collection of flat caps and face masks. Failing that, there's always *The Day the Crayons Quit* by Oliver Jeffers.



The enthusiasm and enjoyment in these weekly assemblies is palpable. It is such a joy to share in the children's delight as they earn tangible rewards along their journey to reaching their full God-given potential. Today's assembly focused on Catherine of Siena's famous statement of reaching our full potential and allowing others to shine in the process.



**Mon 28th Feb:** School closed (INSET day)

**Tues 1st March:** School re-opens

**Wed 2nd March:** Whole School Mass for Ash Wednesday 9:30

**Wed 2nd March:** Ten:Ten Parents' Meeting 15:00

**Thurs 3rd March: World Book Day**

**Thurs 3rd March:** Ten:Ten Parents' Meeting 15:00

**Mon 7<sup>th</sup> March:** Ten:Ten Parents' Meeting  
15:00

**Mon 14th March: Parent Consultations**  
3:40 – 6:20

**Wed 16th March: Parent Consultations**  
3:40 – 6:20

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup> March: Year Six Confirmation**

**Fri 25th March:** Year Two Class Assembly  
9am

**Mon 28th March:** Year Six @ Boreatton Park (Five day residential)

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### **April dates for your diary**

**Fri 1st April:** Year Five Class Mass 2:30pm

**Mon 4th April:** Reconciliation for KS2

**Wed 6th April:** Piano and choir concert  
2pm

**Mon 11th April:** Year Three Holy Week  
Assembly

**Tues 12th April:** Year Four Holy Week  
Assembly

**Wed 13th April:** Year Five Holy Week  
Assembly

**Thurs 14th April:** Year Six Holy Week  
Assembly

### **May dates for your diary**

**Tues 3rd May:** School re-opens after Easter

**Tues 3rd May:** First Communion parents  
meeting 6pm

**Thurs 5th May:** School closed for local  
elections

**Sat 7th May:** First Holy Communion (10am  
and 11:30am)

**Fri 20th May:** Year One class assembly 9am

**Thurs 26th May:** Whole School Mass 9:30  
(The Ascension)

**Fri 27th May:** Procession 2pm

### **June dates for your diary**

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> June:** Reception Class Mass 2:30pm

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup> June:** Reception class assembly  
9am

**Sun 26<sup>th</sup> June:** Year Three Going Forth  
Mass 10am (followed by Communion  
breakfast)

**Wed 29<sup>th</sup> June:** Whole School Mass Ss  
Peter and Paul 9:30am

### **Birthdays this week...**

Happy birthday to Jonathan Qui in Year Two who was seven on Monday; to Erin Quinn in Year Four who was nine on Tuesday; and to Zain Mian in Year Six who is eleven today. Happy birthday to Evelyn Smyth in Year Three who is eight on Sunday and to Keira Sweeney, our Head Girl, who is eleven on Sunday too.

### **Finally...**

Have a wonderful half-term. Please remember that we are closed on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February so will return on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

Please join us for a Whole School Mass for Ash Wednesday the day after we return! This is the start of Lent, which we will mark with a daily *Walk With Me* assembly, focus on scripture and what it means for us as Christians who are active in our faith.

Children, stay safe, be polite, read lots, practise your Times Tables and your number bonds, and return ready to learn. May God bless you and keep you safe over the week.



Mr Clinton

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