

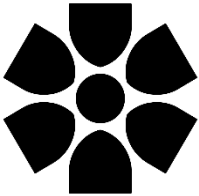


St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Inspiring everyone to **REACH** through
Faith, Hope, and Love

Newsletter – Friday 2nd February 2024

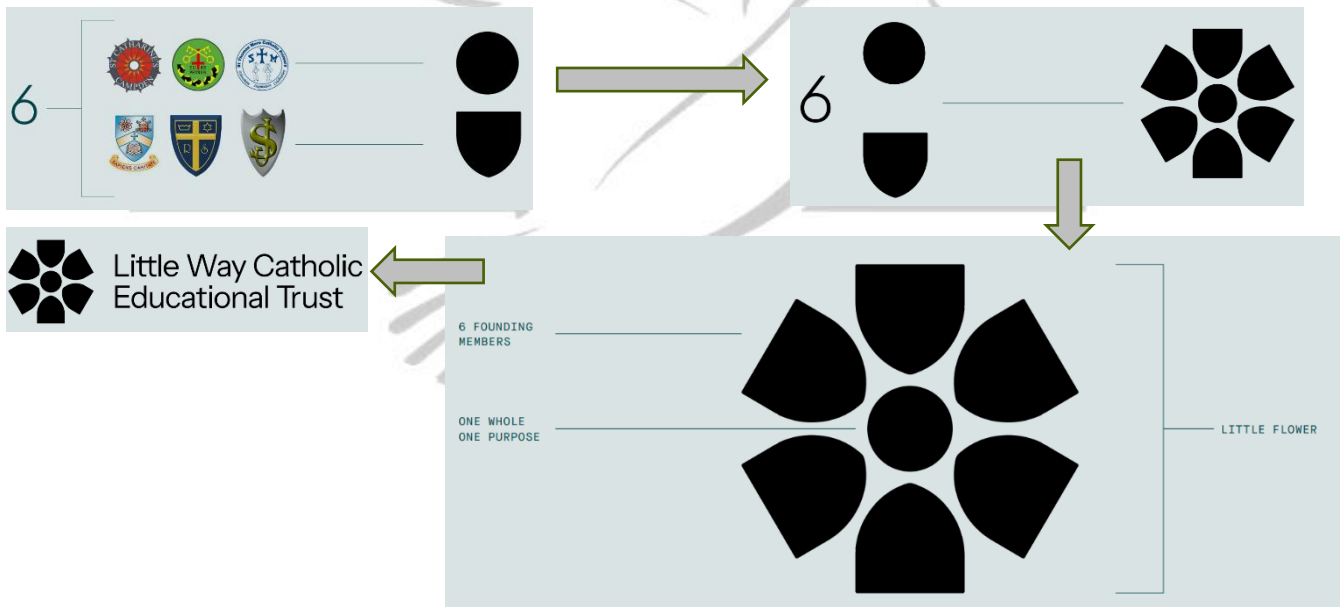
Little Way Catholic Educational Trust – What's in a logo?



You will have seen the LWCET logo a few times now but perhaps you'd like to know where it came from and how it was created?

A logo is important to the identity of an organisation like our Trust. It shares an important message with people.

Our logo is based on the shape of the logos of our six founding schools as well as symbolising the Little Flower – the title that was given to our patron saint: St Thérèse of Lisieux. The six petals of the flower point in towards our common purpose. Here's the story of our LWCET logo:



Look Whose Talking

This year we will again be taking part in the county oracy project. As you will know, the children were asked to prepare a speech for their homework. Lasting just 2 minutes and about a topic that your child is passionate about.

So why join in this county competition? Because oracy is important. It is our ability to communicate effectively using spoken language. It is the ability to speak eloquently, articulate ideas and thoughts, influence through talking, listen to others and have the confidence to express your views.

Well done to all of the children for the effort that they put into this and who took part in the class heats. Congratulations to the class winners – Woody, David, Teddy, Amberlee, Olive, Lois and Rosalie who will compete in the school finals this week. The winners will go through to compete against other children who won their school finals in the local area semi-finals.

THANK YOU!



We would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Barrowman, who gave up a day before Christmas to come into school and tell the children all about his job and the creation of Chicken Run 2.

This was a REACH activity for the day. He brought with him some of the characters and other props to show the children how the film was made. I am not sure who enjoyed it the most- the staff or children! I am sure many of our children told you about it when they came home – and for me, it certainly changed my thinking; to understand the amount of time involved in the making and the lengths that the team go to. It was a truly inspirational talk – thank you so much Mr Barrowman for sharing your time and exciting work with us all.

Behaviour policy

We are currently reviewing our behaviour policy and at the centre of all decision making is of course our children. Mrs Guoite has been working with the children over the last couple of weeks to improve the policy and make sure that everyone in our school community knows and understands the thinking behind the decisions to ensure consistency in our approach. As soon as it is complete we will of course share it with you and would welcome your feedback too.

Sporting News



The Penathlon team headed off to KLB on Wednesday and had a really good time. They took part in all sorts of fun activities: curling, polybat, basketball, boccia blast, bowling, bean bag throw, flight path and parachute popcorn. Well done to everyone for showing such great sportsmanship and representing our school so well. Thank you to Mrs Daly for organising the event and thank you to the parents Miss Saunders and Miss Brittain who provided the transport - without you the children could not take part.

Last Cross Country race tomorrow

Thank you to all of the parents who support this event and to those who managed to park at Vale Vets and walk up the avenue to the Rugby Club – it made a huge difference. Tomorrow **Saturday 3rd February**, is the last race. It will be a slightly longer time 10am-12pm as the presentations will take place afterwards in Stinchcombe village hall. There is a parents race too for those who would like to join in. I look forward to seeing you in the morning.

Staffing update

As you are all aware, sadly Miss Wilkinson has been absent from school having been seriously ill. She really appreciated the flowers that the Year 1 parents sent to her before Christmas, thank you all for your kindness. I am pleased to let you know that she is beginning to get better and we hope to see her back in school over the coming weeks. I

cannot thank Mrs Daly enough for stepping into the Year 1 classroom and working closely with Mrs Guoite to ensure that the learning of the children continues in line with our expectations, which she will continue to do until Miss Wilkinson is fully recovered and able to return to her class. If any Year 1 parents have any concerns at all, please contact me, I will be more than happy to discuss them with you.



A busy final week to the end of term

It certainly will be busy next week. Next week is Children's Mental Health Week and the theme this year is 'My Voice Matter'. What a fitting theme for our school – our children's voices certainly do matter – our children have the best ideas...if ever we have problems – they have solutions. There will be class based activities on the theme next week across the school ensuring that all children feel confident to speak up, especially when things are bothering them.

Internet Safety Day



Not only is it children's Mental Health Week next week but on Tuesday it is Internet Safety Day. Such an important theme these days. It is vital that children learn how to keep themselves safe online and that parents know what their children are accessing, in order to keep them safe.

We have PCSO Candice Francis joining us for the day. She will be working with all of the children across the school, exploring internet safety at different levels. You will be receiving some flyers that day about how to ensure your child is safe online, please do take the time to read them – hidden dangers are emerging all of the time.

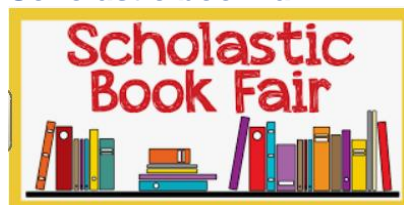
PTA News



The events that are coming up next term are:

- 28th Feb: Non-uniform day for a donation for the Easter Hampers
- 1st March: PTA Disco
- 24th March: PTA Easter Event

Scholastic book fair



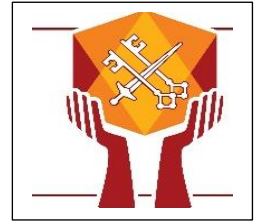
Next term will be our second parents evenings (5th and 6th March) and we will be hosting a Scholastic book fair at the event again – this will lead nicely into World Book day on 7th March.

Clubs

All clubs will continue next term – except for cross country which will finish next Monday. We also had the opportunity to have Sarah from Dazzle for 5 weeks which was unexpected but too good an opportunity to ignore, as I am sure some of our children will love her club.

Chaplaincy News

The team have been planning the Lent Retreat, which takes place next Thursday afternoon. The event begins at 1.15pm and you are all welcome to join us. Please email the Admin Team to let us know if you are going to come to this event. Many thanks for your support.



Prayer Garden

The Chaplaincy Team and School Council are now at the stage of working out how to raise the funds to build the prayer garden that they have planned together. They have recently written to the Leigh Trust to see if they are able to support this event in some way. The board sit at some point this month so we will be waiting in anticipation to see if they are able to support this great joint project.



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Just a reminder that you are able to access and see the focus for our Liturgies through the Ten Ten monthly Parent Newsletter.



This week's prayer is a prayer to St George - by Marmaduke

Dear St George,
Help us to strive through the day,
With our heads held high,
For love gives us strength,
As you did through the power of God,
Help us to slay the evil that will
possess us if it had the chance,
But it will not, for you give us strength
to resist it.
St George, pray for us.
Amen.

Class Mass

Class Mass will take place on a Thursday at 10am, we would be delighted if you are able to join your child and their class when it is their turn.

Thursday 8th February – Year 6
Thursday 22nd February - Year 5
Thursday 29th February – Year 4
Thursday 7th March – Year 3

Thursday 14th March - Year 2
Thursday 21st March – Year 1



Dates for your



February

Saturday 3rd – Last cross country race

Thursday 8th – Lent Retreat

Friday 9th Feb – Half Term

Spring Term 2

WB 19th – Week of Awe and Wonder

Tuesday 20th – Y3 swimming starts

Wednesday 28th – Non-uniform day

March

Friday 1st – PTA Disco

Tuesday 5th – Parents Evening with
Scholastic Book Fayre

Wednesday 6th – Parents Evening with
Scholastic Book Fayre

Thursday 7th – World Book Day

WB 11th – SEN structured conversations
face to face

Friday 15th – Year 6 Skill Zone visit

Thursday 21st House Singing Competition
1.30pm

Friday 22nd – Stations of the Cross AM
(Chaplaincy Team)

Friday 22nd – End of Term 1.30pm

April

Tuesday 9th – Rec and Y6 heights,
weights and vision NHS screening

Tuesday 9th - Y2 swimming starts

Friday 19th – Y6 PC Schoolsbeat visit –
online relationships 1pm

May

WB 13th May – KS2 SATs

WB 20th May – Y6 Bikeability training

**Friday 24th May – Half term - extra
INSET day**

June

Monday 3rd – INSET day

Tuesday 4th – swimming catch up lessons
until 2nd July (Y3-6)

Wednesday 5th – School photos – class
and leavers

WB 10th – Phonics Screening (KS1)

WB 10th – Multiplication check (Y4)

Monday 10th – New Parents' Evening
EYFS

Friday 14th – Y6 Leavers Mass at Clifton
Cathedral

Monday 24th – Y4 In the Net 10am at
Nailsworth Primary School

Tuesday 25th – Year 6 dress rehearsal

Tuesday 25th – Whole school photo

Wednesday 26th – Year 6 production 2pm
and 6.30pm

Thursday 27th – Transition afternoon

