



*"With Christ as our guide we let our light shine."*

### *A Message from Mrs. Blincow...*

Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome back, I hope you had a wonderful half Term?

Back in school, many of the classes are exploring poetry this Term. Year 1 started off by listening to poetry and then drawing the images the words conjured up, while Year 4 have been performing some of their favourite poems. Listening is an important skill to learn and the children in Year 2 have got it down to a 'T'. Working on their oracy skills, they have been working in different types of groupings and taking on different roles to learn how to engage in meaningful discussions and conversations. Their 'listening' faces, are a sight to behold, just ask them.

It's always great to go round the school and see the wonderful learning going on in classes, the newsletter is only able to give just a tiny snapshot of this.

Next week we look forward to World Book Day and more great learning.

Please note that our school will be **OPEN** next Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March.

*Have a wonderful week*

*Mrs Blincow*



## Term Dates

### Lent Term

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January

### Ash Wednesday

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

### Year 4 St. David's Day Assembly

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March

### Year 3 St. Patrick's Day

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March

### Parent Consultations

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March

### Term Ends

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – 3.15PM

## A Busy Week In Year 4



It's been a really busy week in Year 4, with lots of interesting discussions about what they have been learning. In Geography, the children were sorting mountains from around the world into the 5 different types. They then wrote own definitions for each of the categories.

After listening to different poems from the anthology, *Bright Bursts of Colour* by Matt Goodfellow, the children chose one that stood out to them, discussed and explored the poem with other children, then performed it to the class.

While in Science who would have thought that chocolate buttons could have helped the children observe changes in 'states of matter'?

Just one question ... what happened to all the melted buttons?

## Investigating the World's Climate Zones



Year 5 have been investigating climate zones this week. They have looked at the features of each zone and used an atlas to name countries in each of the different zones.

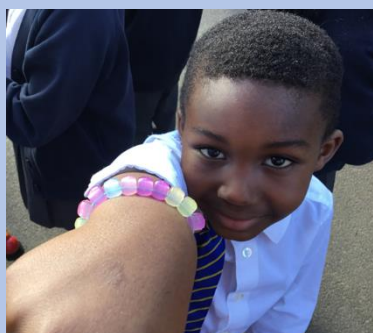


## Ash Wednesday



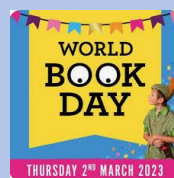
On Wednesday, we welcomed Father Benny and Deacon Michael back into school. After celebrating Mass, we had the distribution of Ashes, marking the beginning of Lent. Earlier in the day the children talked about the importance of prayer, fasting and alms giving, as a way of preparing for the death and Resurrection of Jesus, our Saviour.

## Weather Watchers



Using clear bead bracelets, which they made in class, Year 1 discovered that the beads changed colour when exposed to the Sun's rays. Proving that even in February we need to protect our skin from the Sun's UV rays.

## World Book Day



A reminder to all, that World Book Day is on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. If children wish to come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book they can, but please do not go out and buy a costume especially for the day.

There are lots of ideas on line, which cost little or no money. Please do look in your child's bag for the £1 Book token and letter about the Design a Book Cover' Competition. Closing date **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**.

