

January Jumbo : Well done to all the children who took part in the 'January Jumbo Read' and we received some very supportive comments from parents including:

- 'What a lovely idea!'
- 'Her progress has been remarkable and she loves reading.'
- 'I'm so pleased with my child's progress in reading.'

We will do it again at a later date but keep on listening to your child read as much as possible as it is so beneficial and enjoyable too. Watch out for our 'Mega Maths Challenge' coming soon!

Evacuation Sites : Every school must now have what is called a 'Resilience Plan' that details what we must do in a range of different emergencies such as a bomb alert, hostage situation or utility failure. In instances such as these we would have to evacuate the whole school to an alternative site a safe distance away and have agreed with Holgate and Joseph Locke schools that we could use their sites to do this if we ever needed to.

We will have to have a 'dry run' to test our plan and so we are informing you now that we will be evacuating the school to Holgate as soon as we can arrange a suitable date between us.

Sponsored Walk ~ The final total for the sponsored walk that myself, Mr Skitt and Father Boyle gruellingly undertook is £798 ~ a big thank you to everyone who donated so generously.

Football Match ~ Mr Hickey has arranged a football match for our boy's team this Thursday at home against Silkstone Common school. You are obviously very welcome to come and support the team with kick off approx 3.45 - 4.00 time. Because of this match there is no after school practice today for Y5/6.

Beamanor Hall ~ Next Monday 2nd March, class 6 go on their week long residential to Beamanor Hall. They will be accompanied by Mr Hickey, Ms Mullany and Mrs Holling and we wish them all a safe journey and a week filled with wonderful experiences.

Joke for the Weak ~ If you can stand another one here it is!

'Did you hear about the cement lorry that collided with a police van?'
~ 5 hardened criminals escaped!



Friends News

Non-Uniform Day ~ This made £174.73! Great fun for the children and well done to everyone who took part.

Shoe Shiners ~ Congratulations to the Y6 shoe shiners who raised £20 and did an excellent and enterprising job.



Pancake races ~ Tomorrow is Pancake Day and we are having pancake races in school after lunch. Friends are providing the pancakes this year. Please send your child with 50p if they want to take part in the races. Prizes for the winners!

After School /Breakfast Club : has some places available on certain mornings and afternoons. Please call into the club for details.

School Security : This is always an important issue for any school as your child's safety is paramount and we are continually looking at how we can make our school more secure. Towards this end we are locking the playground gates at 9.10 a.m. so please don't take offence if you have to use the main front door after this time to get into school.

Also a reminder to parents not to come into school via classrooms or cloakrooms in the morning or any other time (for example to attend a class assembly in the hall) as we can't be sure who are parents and who could be complete strangers and we also need to know exactly who is in the building in the event of a fire evacuation which is why all visitors should use the signing in book. Thank you!

Carillian Highways : Class 5 went on a science based visit before half term to see how roads are gritted in winter weather. They really enjoyed this trip which was organised through Keith Sawyer our science technician from St.Michael's High School.

Mother's Day Practices ~ After school practice this Thursday 26th with Helen Walker for those involved in the music / singing for the Mother's Day Mass. Well done to those children for sharing their talents.

New Windows : We have had new windows in the school hall fitted over half term and a new material (not lead burglar bill please note) to replace the lead that was stolen off the roof last term. We have scheduled for the Easter holidays that the school hall and the dining room will both be redecorated. Nothing but the best for your children.



Thank you for reading this newsletter, John Gregson