



Statements to Live By

Week Beg 14th March: I can learn from my mistakes and failures.

Week Beg 21st March: I try to keep going when things are difficult and not give up hope.

Parish Stations of the Cross Thank you to all the parents /carers who joined us at Church today for Parish Stations of the Cross. This is an opportunity for us to 'Walk with Christ' and in doing so, we share his suffering and reflect inwardly on our lives at this important time. Stations of the Cross are held in church every Tuesday and Friday lunchtime during Lent. On Good Friday Stations will be held at 10.00am. Please consider taking your children to this liturgy ahead of Easter Sunday.

Key Stage 1 Stations of the Cross

Reception & KS1 will lead us in prayer in the school hall on Monday 21st March at 10.00a.m. Parents and Carers are very welcome to join us.

Key Stage 2 Lent Liturgy KS2 will be leading this Liturgy in church on Tuesday 22nd March at 10.00am.

World Book Day Yet again, we had a wonderful day in school with children involved in lots of different book-related activities. Thank you to all the children, parents and staff who made a huge effort with their costumes.

Swimming Gala Congratulations to our swimming team who were placed 2nd overall at the gala. As always, our competitors displayed excellent sportsmanship and behaviour throughout a very long event.

Tennis Competition Well done to the Tennis Team who represented our school at the Dolphin Centre last week. They were fantastic ambassadors for our school and faced very strong competition at this event.

Y6 Safety Carousel Y6 took part in a very informative visit to The Work Place yesterday, in which they learnt about the different emergency services, with a focus on keeping themselves and others safe.

Governor Visits Recp, Y1, Y2, & Y4 had a visit from their Class Governor today. The Governors all enjoyed their visits, giving them an opportunity to meet the children and experience a typical school day.

PFA Easter Hamper Raffle. Parents are invited to a special Assembly on Friday 18th March at 2.45pm which will include the draw for the raffle.

If you haven't donated a prize for the raffle but would like to do so, then these can be handed in at the school office. If you would like extra tickets to sell, then these are also available from the office.

Money and Work Week During next week, classes will be using a small start up fund to create a service or product to try to raise money for different charities. Work during the week will focus on careers, aspirations, money and financial matters at the appropriate level. We are very grateful to those parents who have kindly offered to come into school to talk about their work and it's not too late to volunteer. Please contact the school office if you are willing to talk to a group or class about your job.

Darlington Credit Union A representative from Darlington Credit Union will be visiting school on Tuesday to talk to the children about the work of this organisation. They will be sending home information letters and application forms for parents to complete if they wish their children to join this savings scheme.

Sport Relief For a small donation, children can wear a sports kit to school on Friday 18th March. There will be activities taking place during the day, including a mini sports day organised by Y6, which for a separate small donation, all pupils can take part in. All money raised will be going to this very worthwhile cause.

Reading in School Thank you to Parents/Carers who have volunteered to help with reading in school. We have had an excellent response to this appeal.

Parking

Local residents have visited school to raise their concerns regarding illegal parking in the area around school. I was particularly shocked that some of our parents are parking and blocking the alleyways close to Southend Avenue, preventing residents from entering or leaving their properties. This could be even more serious if emergency services needed access to those properties. Car details have been passed on to the Parking Wardens.

Reminder

Please can Parents and Carers ensure that they and their children use the Pedestrian Gate and paths to access the school at all times. The driveway and car park is for vehicle access only. Please ensure that children do not play in the car park whilst on their way to the KS1 gate in the morning.

Can You Help

KS2 have appealed for spare tights, polo shirts, trousers and skirts as they are running low on these items. These items can be handed in to the School Office.

Dates for your Diary

Mon 14 th March	Money & Work Week
	Reception Stay and Play Session 1 9am
Tue 15 th March	Reception Stay and Play Session 2 9am
Wed 18 th March	Reception Stay and Play Session 3 9am
Thu 17 th March	Mass in School 9.30am All Welcome
	St Patricks Day CHILDREN IN ST. PATRICK'S HOUSE ONLY are invited to wear own clothes, including something green, to celebrate their Patron's feast day.
Fri 18 th March	Sport Relief
	Reception Stay and Play Session 4 9am
	Assembly including Easter Raffle and refreshments School Hall 2.45pm
Mon 21 st March	Recp and KS1 Stations of the Cross Parents/Carers welcome
Tue 22 nd March	KS2 Lent Liturgy in Church 10am All Welcome
Wed 23 rd March	Tees Valley Cross Country Event
Thu 24 th March	End of Term reports sent home today
	End of Term. School Closes at 3.25pm
Tue 12th April	School re opens for Pupils.

30th Anniversary

At the end of May our Beechwood Avenue School will be 30 years old. Pupils, Staff and Governors will be having Mass in school to celebrate on St Augustine's Feast Day. Children and staff are involved in other discussions about how we will celebrate the anniversary in school. As always the PFA are supporting school, please see the separate letter.

Best Wishes.

Mrs McCollom
Head of School

