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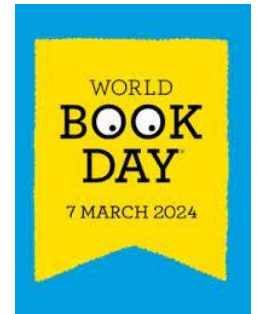


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## St Mary's and St Benedict's RC Primary School

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**World Book Day 2024** - On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, we will be celebrating World Book Day in school. As part of this day, we would like children to come dressed as a book character. This could be an entire outfit, or wearing/bringing a prop for the character, for example, a cardboard Ben Ten watch, a Harry Potter wand, or some large ears for the BFG!



Please do not feel this needs to be an expensive event; a home-made costume/prop will be a great. Thank you for your ongoing help and support in our mission to make our children's education exciting, engaging and memorable! We can't wait to see what the children come to school as on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March!



**CAFOD Lenten Family Fast Day** – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March is CAFOD Lenten Family Fast Day and we are asking people to give a donation to CAFOD. Please do this via ParentPay. We are also inviting everyone to pray more during this day and are encouraging KS2 to fast during mid-morning break.

**Sacramental Programme Meeting** - The next meeting for children, parents and carers involved in the Sacramental Programme is on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 6:25pm in church.

**Mothers' Day Mass** - Next Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 9:30am in church, there will be a special children's Mass to celebrate Mothers' Day. Please come along and join us. All the children will receive a small treat to give to their mothers.



**Lent 2024** - We are now in Lent and that means we have a duty to prepare for Easter. We do this in our Catholic school by considering what Jesus invited us all to do which is to support the pillars of Lent – to FAST, to PRAY and to GIVE.

During this time of Lent, we will all be taking part in CAFOD's BIG Lent Walk: As a consequence, we will be walking more and asking those who can to GIVE to CAFOD. Please give whatever you can and encourage others to do the same:  
<https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-marys-and-st-benedicts-biglent-walk>



As a whole school community, your support means a huge amount and we really appreciate each and every donation.

**Easter Activity Clubs** - Chris and Marcus, our coaches from Pro-skill Sports Development, are running Easter Activity Clubs on Tuesday 2nd April, Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, Thursday 4th April and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April. Children can attend any session (which run from 9:00am until 3:00pm) and will need to bring a packed lunch.

Activities offered will be team games, multi-sports, dodgeball, cricket, football and netball. The cost is just £11.00 per child per day or £40.00 for all four days. Please book via ParentPay, and please remember there are limited places.



**Community Larder** - Please continue to support our local food bank by bringing into school an item of food each week. The Community Larder is situated at the back of St Aidan's Church Hall, on Station Road, and provides food and support to individuals and families from Bamber Bridge, Clayton-le-Woods, Lostock Hall and Walton-le-Dale. It is open Monday - Friday 9:30am - 11:30am and is dependent upon food donations from local Christian communities and schools. Thank you for your continued donations.