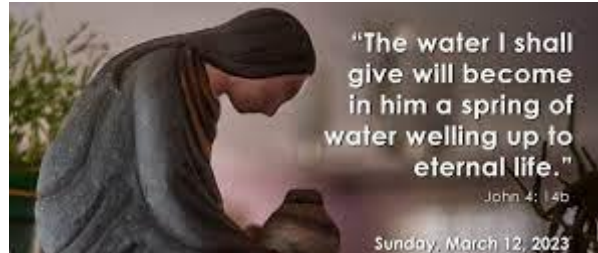


10<sup>th</sup> March 2023



This Sunday is the Third Sunday in Lent and as we journey towards Good Friday we continue to reflect on how to prepare. The Gospel from John shares with us the story of the woman who is drawing water from the well and meets Jesus there. Jesus shares with her how the water that he can provide will ensure that she is never thirsty again. This water is the love that he can give.

The children will be reminded throughout next week that love can overcome so much in life, nurturing love and sharing it amongst each other is crucial for a happy life.

### Statement to Live By

Next week's statement is 'I can learn from my mistakes and failures'. Using this as a guide the children will continue to develop their understanding that mistakes are ok. We wish to foster this attitude with the children so that they can develop their understanding of learning so that the new knowledge is learnt and understood.

### The changes to the school day times

We have now had two weeks of the changes regarding the start of the school day. Thank you for the way that everyone has adapted to the changes. We have noticed in school that the learning is beginning more quickly and purposefully.

As a reminder the children are to be lined up at their classroom door for **8:45am** and to be collected from the door at 3.15pm.

This is so the children can get into class quickly, we advise that any lengthy information that needs passing to teachers is done via a message through the school office, this allows the teachers to quickly engage in teaching with the children.

This week in school we have been trialling having a no football week at break times. There have been some incidents recently where children have become distressed with high levels of emotion during and following football play and so we are exploring with the children other avenues of play at break times. We have plans in school at the moment to move forward and adapt playtimes using a programme called OPAL (Outdoor Play And Learning) and I will update you when we have further information.

## **Industrial action by the National Education Union NEU**

Information was sent out yesterday regarding the planned action by the NEU on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

We have carried out a risk assessment with the knowledge of the number of staff who will be in school and have decided that it is safe for half of the children to come in on each day.

On Wednesday the children who are in St Mark and St Matthew houses are to be in school and on Thursday the children who are in St John and St Luke Houses are to be in. If a child is ill on the day that they are due in and cannot attend school, then an absence call should be made in the usual way as this day as classed as a school day.

## **The Big Lent Walk**

The children will be taking part in an additional walk on the afternoon of 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023. Mr Shepherd (Headteacher) from St Benet Biscop has agreed to let the children walk around the 'Big Field' so that km's can be added to each child's total.

## **Disco**

We are planning a disco for the children after school on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March. We will be using some of the money that the children raised in the Autumn term to allow them to have some fun social time together. We will let you know the details of times when they are finalized.



## **Alteration in dates for Outdoor Adventure Days for Years 1-6**

Due to the weather this week there have been changes to the outdoor dates again. Please see alterations below.

Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Year 3
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2023	Year 4
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Year 2
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	Year 1
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2023	Year 5
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	Year 6

## **Leave precious things at home**

We have noticed that recently there have been things brought into school that should be staying at home. The children only need to bring into school their reading book, PE kit, water bottle and possibly a packed lunch. Please ensure that your child keeps other items at home so that they are safe, this includes football cards.