



**First Sunday of lent - Matthew 4: 1—11**

Jesus was about to start his ministry and he spent 40 days and nights in the desert fasting and praying. The Devil came to tempt him and offer him anything he wanted. Jesus resisted temptation.

With help from God and by trusting in Him, we can also resist temptation throughout Lent.



# Gold Awards

<b>Reception</b>	Lexie Degnen for super reading and writing
<b>Year 1</b>	Phoebe Moore for fantastic acting skills when acting out the Good Samaritan in class
<b>Year 2</b>	Ruby Platt for fantastic division work in Maths. Well done
<b>Year 3</b>	Natasha Gallagher for an excellent attitude to all her work and developing more independence
<b>Year 4</b>	Ebony Collier-Clayton for trying hard to improve her presentation, making a great effort with her costume on World Book Day and completing some excellent maths work too
<b>Year 5</b>	Regan Monks for presenting her work beautifully with lovely handwriting
<b>Year 6</b>	Maya Piner for always being really helpful to others and always giving 100% in all her work

We are now within the Lenten season in preparation for Easter. In school, we will be learning about the stations of the cross through our daily prayers and worship, as well as thinking more about what we can do for others.



Please take time to talk to your children about the events of Holy Week and maybe read to them from a bible suitable to their age. Learning and developing in faith together will support our work in school.

Please help your children to pray during Lent. Simple prayers that think about the needs of others would be ideal. Helping them to 'give' more of their time, friendship, love and kindness to others would also help to prepare them for Easter. Lent is not just about giving things up, but doing more for others.

<b>Dates For the Diary</b>		<b>Thurs 16 Mar:</b>	<b>Y4 Class Mass 9am</b>
<b>Mon 6 Mar:</b>	<b>Waste Week starts</b>	<b>Mon 20 Mar:</b>	<b>Easter Egg Raffle starts</b>
<b>Mon 6 Mar:</b>	<b>Govs' Curriculum &amp; Pupils 6pm</b>	<b>Tues 21 Mar:</b>	<b>Down's Awareness Day</b>
<b>Weds 8 Mar:</b>	<b>Furness Building Society visit</b>	<b>Thurs 23 Mar:</b>	<b>Cinema night</b>
<b>Weds 8 Mar:</b>	<b>Country Dancing (group2) starts</b>	<b>Tues 28 Mar:</b>	<b>Reception Stay &amp; Play 2.30-3.30</b>
<b>Thurs 9 Mar:</b>	<b>Y5 Class Mass 9am</b>	<b>Weds 29 Mar:</b>	<b>Full Governors' meeting 6.30pm</b>
<b>Fri 10 Mar:</b>	<b>Science weeks starts till 19th Mar</b>	<b>Fri 31st Mar:</b>	<b>School closes for Easter 3.30pm.</b>
<b>Mon 13 Mar:</b>	<b>Out of School Nursery meeting 5.45</b>	<b>Tues 18 Apr:</b>	<b>School re-opens 8.45 am</b>
<b>Tues 14 Mar:</b>	<b>Science Boffins Day (£2 per child)</b>		
<b>Weds 15 Mar:</b>	<b>Year 1 Class Assembly 9.15am</b>		



## Free School Meals and Pupil Premium funding

All pupils in reception, year one or year two in primary schools are entitled to free school meals.

Children in other years could receive free school meals if you are entitled to:

- Income Support (IS)
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA-IR)
- Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance (IB-JSA)
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit and are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and your annual income, as assessed by the Inland Revenue, does not exceed £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run on'- the payment you receive for a further four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

## Pupil Premium Funding

If you are in receipt of any of the above benefits and your child is eligible to apply for free school meals, the school will also be eligible to claim Pupil Premium funding for your child.

Pupil premium creates many other benefits in school for your child which include free trips and visits and free music lessons. It is also used to provide other classroom support to help raise your child's achievement.



Due to popular demand, we will be raffling Easter eggs at the end of term to raise money for school projects.

Please could each child donate an egg (or more) to help make it a success? Please bring these in from 13th March.

Raffle tickets will be sold to children from Monday 20th March for 20p each. Thank you

A huge thank you to children and parents for their World Book Day efforts. So many children came in fantastic costumes and it was very hard for staff to pick just one winner per class. They will be able to pick a book as their prize.



# WORLD BOOK DAY

Well done to the fancy dress winners:

Rec	Ethan Collier Clayton as Stick man
Year 1	Isaac Slack as a crocodile from Roald Dahl's poetry
Year 2	George Ball as Paddington Bear
Year 3	Thomas Holden as the Billionaire Boy
Year 4	Tegan McLoughlin as The Grand High Witch
Year 5	Esther Barton as the Owl and the Pussycat
Year 6	Joseph Higham as Rodrick from the Wimpy Kid



We hope the children enjoyed their book and poetry themed day. I would like to thank the staff and particularly Mrs Maher for their planning and preparation for the day.

The poetry performed by each class during assembly was fantastic . Well done children .

**Parking** - Please may I remind parents not to park behind school in the morning or in the afternoon at 3.30pm. The spaces are for After School Club staff who need the spaces at these times.

I have also noticed that more parents are parking on Preston Road or dropping children off and allowing them to cross the car park without parent supervision. Please use the car park and other spaces next to the Caton room or on Fr Doyle's yard. Parking on Preston Road is not permitted. Thank you

## Wonder Week - Tues 18th to Fri 21st April

We are busy planning our summer term wonder week which will take place during the first week back after Easter. We will concentrate on Recycling and sustainability as well as planting and growing. Our wonderful Eco Garden should be bursting with life very soon.

If parents or grandparents would like to help out in the garden or even donate shrubs, fruit plants/trees etc we would be very grateful. Please pop into the office if you would like to get involved.



### PTFA Cinema Night

Tickets are now available from the school office  
@ £7 each for our popular cinema night.

**Thursday 23 March 3.30-5.30**

**Ticket price INCLUDES a drink, popcorn, sweets and a piece of pizza.**



Castlerigg Manor is the home of Lancaster Diocese Youth Service and in the coming months we have a number of events going on.

For the weekend of 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> April we host our annual **Family Weekend**. Open to all ages, it is an opportunity for families to come away together for the weekend and spend time with other families. There will be activities for all age groups, having fun and reflecting on our faith, and the opportunity to catch up with old friends and to meet new. Prices are £75 per adult and £50 per child (family discount is available). There is more information on our website <http://www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/yatm-events/family-weekend>

For those in school with older brothers and sisters there is also our **Easter Retreat** (Maundy Thursday to Easter Sunday, 13th - 16th April). We will be exploring the significance of Easter as we journey through the Triduum together. Open to children in Year 9 upwards.

The posters can be downloaded from our website:

<http://www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/s/CastleriggMnr-Easter2017v2.pdf>

<http://www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/s/CastleriggMnr-FamilyWkd2017.pdf>

All of these are great opportunities for our young people to get together and experience faith alongside other young people, building new relationships and developing their own faith.

Father John Moriarty.