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Dear Parents,

This week Mrs Heymoz tested positive for Covid so she has been at home getting better. We wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing her after half-term.

This morning our Reception Class shared their assembly on St Valentine. It was lovely to see so many parents/carers in attendance. Thank you to Ms Pemberton, Ms Gymer and Mrs Steff for preparing the children so well.

Also this week, our Year 6 House Captains visited The Passage. They took with them the school's donations that were collected before the end of the Autumn Term. Thank you to all parents and children who contributed to this worthy cause. Please see new of their trip below.

On Tuesday, Year 3 visited the Celtic Harmony Camp and experienced Stone, Bronze and Iron Age Britain first hand with many activities led by their costumed educators. Check out Year 3's Class Blog for the great photos!

Also this week, the children have been taking part in Internet Safety Week where they have had many learning opportunities in class to teach them about the importance of staying safe online. Today KS2 attended a fantastic online safety drama workshop with their classes. The main message we have given the children is that if you have nothing kind to say, don't say anything. Be respectful online.

Today we say goodbye to Jake (Y2) and Nataniel (Y4) who are moving to new schools close to their homes. We also say goodbye to Mr Holmes who has been working as our Year 5 class teacher since September 2021. Mr Holmes is leaving for personal reasons and I am sure you will join me in wishing him well for the future. We thank him for his hard work and dedication to Year 5. We also wish Jake and Nataniel the very best at their new schools.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful half-term.

*Mrs Catherine McNamara*

Deputy Headteacher

## News From Our Parish

### Co-Op Local Community Fund:

#### Our Lady & St Vincent Church Community Peace Garden

Our Lady & St Vincent Church (OLASV) Community Peace Garden have been selected for the Co-Op Local Community Fund. The Community Peace Garden will be located at the rear of the church and will be a free place for quiet reflection in a calming environment. It will be a place to sit and be at peace with nature and will be accessible to the PB Community.

The Co-Op Local Community Fund works in a similar way to the Tesco Local Community Funding Projects, except rather than posting a blue coin into your chosen charity box at the end of your shop, you show the App or present your Co-Op card/fob at the cash till. We will receive 2p for every £1 you spend.

It is easy to do and will cost you nothing. Please download the App or apply for a Co-Op card/fob online at <https://membership.coop.co.uk/new-registration> and then select 'OLASV Community Peace Garden' as your chosen project.

Your support is much appreciated.

Thank you.

**OLASV Community Peace Garden Fundraising Committee**



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## ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Pope Paul Class % Attendance this week

Reception	92%
Year 1	96.3%
Year 2	96.8%
Year 3	93.9%
Year 4	96.2%
Year 5	94.7%
Year 6	92.8

**Well done Year 2! You are our winners this week!**



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## After School Clubs

We have offered many clubs this half term and thank the teachers who have given up their time to deliver them. Look out for news of other clubs available after half term. Football and Drama Clubs which are run by outside providers will notify you directly.

After half term, Choir and Sewing Club will continue as after school clubs but due to Parent Consultations, they will restart on **w/b: 28th February**.

## World Book Day: 3rd March 2022

World Book Day is a chance to celebrate the unending power of books. We would like the children to dress up as their favourite book character and look forward to the array of costumes we'll see!





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## The Passage

‘On Wednesday we caught the train to London from Potters Bar Station. As you know, in December 2021, we collected items for the homeless. From your generous donations we collected twelve bags full of clothing, blankets, scarves etc...and we took these down to The Passage. We arrived in Westminster (via Victoria Station) and handed in your donations to the volunteers who were so pleased to receive them.

We then walked along to Westminster Cathedral and Dale showed us around the circle of chapels that are dedicated to various saints. There are chapels dedicated to the patron saints of England, Scotland and Ireland but we were surprised that there was not one dedicated to St David-the patron saint of Wales. There were mosaics everywhere and we felt that the older mosaics were the most beautiful. The gold was glinting in the morning sun. We also saw the Blessed Virgin Mary’s Chapel, The Lady Chapel – the floor was made of marble and we learnt that this represented that there was not a speck of sin in Mary’s heart. To the left of the altar Dale showed us the chapel of the Holy Souls with its ceiling rich in decoration. We spotted two trees and learnt that one of them was a dead tree with Adam wrapped to it by a snake and the other was alive with Jesus growing fruit. Dale explained that these images were showing us Jesus is the new Adam and Mary, the new Eve.

Dale told us that it was in this chapel where God had called him to become a priest. Ironically, this is Dale’s least favourite chapel!

We crossed the River Thames, saw Big Ben and had our lunch in Westminster Gardens. Before heading back to school we walked towards Buckingham Palace and saw the guards in their fluffy top hats marching around and repositioning their guns.

We arrived back into Potters Bar just before 3pm. It was a lovely day, a day we will always treasure.’

Alice, Phoebe, William G, Daniel, Aidan William P, Freddie, and Darcie  
House Captains for St Vincent’s, St Louise, St Francis and St Bernadette.



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### Headteacher's Awards



Eliana in Year 4

#### PLEASE NOTE

Due to the additional bank holiday for the Queen's platinum jubilee celebrations there will be an occasional day on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022 when school will be closed.

### Ofsted Parent View: We need your help!

The Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills (Ofsted) is a non-ministerial department of the UK government, reporting to Parliament.

Ofsted is responsible for inspecting a range of educational institutions, including state schools and some independent schools. It also inspects childcare, adoption and fostering agencies and initial teacher training, and regulates a range of early years and children's social care services.

Pope Paul School was last inspected by Ofsted in June 2016.

In order for us to prepare for our next inspection we are asking parents to register their views via the link below.

[Welcome to Ofsted Parent View | Ofsted Parent View](#)

The questionnaire is short, anonymous and asks a range of questions to gather your views on how you feel the school meets the needs of your children.

Please consider helping us in this way.

**Thank you!**





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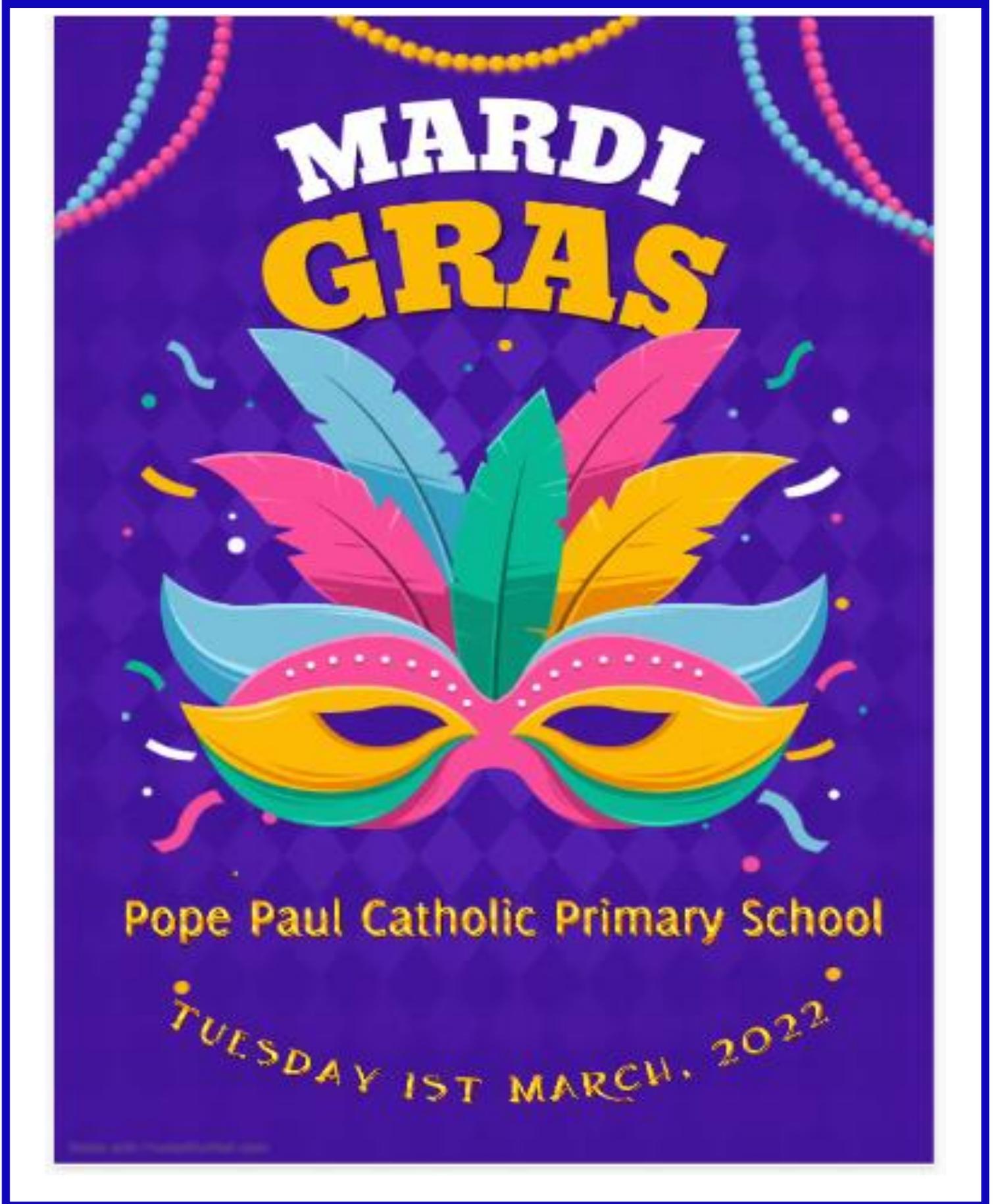
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Dear Parents and Carers,

After half term we shall be moving in to the Church's liturgical season of Lent and asking the Big Question:

‘How can we build a better world?’

To launch this Big Question, we are going to begin our celebrations and preparations with a focus on Mardi Gras, also known as Shrove Tuesday, Carnival, and even Pancake Day!!

Mardi Gras, falling just before Lent, traditionally marks the last opportunity for fun and feasting before observing the 40 days of Jesus' sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert.

On Tuesday 1st March, here at Pope Paul School we are going to create our own Mardi Gras, Shrove Tuesday celebration with mask making, a procession in the playground and dancing as well as some pancake tossing.

Please could your child wear the Mardi Gras colours of yellow, gold, purple or green to school on Tuesday 1st March to add to the celebration.

We thank you for your continued support; this is very much valued and appreciated.

With kind regards,

Catherine McNamara (Deputy Head Teacher)

### Can you help?



Our liturgy group would like to ask: **Do you still have your palms from last year?**

If you still have your palms from last year please could you donate them to the school as Dale will be burning them with Year 6 on the first Wednesday back, in preparation for Ash Wednesday the following week. A basket will be left by the KS2 playground door to collect your palms on Monday (21<sup>st</sup>) and Tuesday (22<sup>nd</sup>).

Thank you.



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## Dates For Your Diary

Other faith week: Hinduism Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Jan to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Jan

Online safety week: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb

**Half Term: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February**

Fairtrade Fortnight 21<sup>st</sup> Feb to 4<sup>th</sup> March

Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	4pm -6.30pm	Parent Consultations
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	4pm -6.30pm	Parent Consultations
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March		Mardi Gras Celebration Shrove Tuesday Come dressed in gold, yellow, green or purple!
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	10am 2.30pm	KS2 to attend Ash Wednesday Mass at OLSAV KS1 Ash Wednesday Service in school
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> March		World Book Day Come dressed as your favourite book character!
Science Week: Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> March to Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March		
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> March		Years 5 and 6 to attend Mass at OLSAV
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> March		9.15am Assembly and Learning Celebration morning
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> March	10am	Years 3 and 4 to attend Mass at OLSAV
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> March	7pm	KS2 to lead Stations of the Cross at OLSAV

## Parking Matters

**Thank you to all the parents who continue to park safely in roads off Baker Street. We ask again for parents not to use Great Slades at the beginning and end of the day. Car parking on yellow zig-zag lines at school drop-off and collection times risks our pupils' lives. It is also illegal. Our school Zig Zag lines are placed outside of our school where parked vehicles could be a hazard to children. The markings act as a reminder for people not to park there. Unfortunately some people in our community ignore these Keep Clear Zig Zag markings and yellow lines, causing our school to suffer from inconsiderate parking outside the school gates. Please park safely to ensure the safety of all.**



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## FEBRUARY MULTI SPORTS CAMP 2021

3 Day Camp: 14th - 16th February  
Pope Paul School, Potters Bar EN6 2ES

9am - 2:30pm

MEDALS +  
TROPHIES  
TO WIN

LIMITED  
SPACES

FOOTBALL  
DODGEBALL  
SAQ AND  
LOADS MORE!

Book your place: 07871545987  
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*A Cake Sale in aid of Great Ormond Street Hospital took place on:*

*Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 3pm in the playground.*

*We received many donations of home made, shop bought and money.*

*The cake sale raised: £306.00*

*Thank you for your support!*



*Well done to our Year 5 pupils who organised this:*

*Caroline, Eimear, Elle, Gabriella, Macy and Violet.*