

# The Messenger

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Dear Parents and Carers,

One week back after Lockdown 3.0 and school feels a little like school again! Seeing the children play with each other after two months away has been a joy to see this week and they have been brilliant. Their attitudes and effort towards being back and their learning has been great. Thank you for your support this week too and adapting to the timings and positions of starts and exits again. Our attendance has been excellent this week and Cheshire East informed me yesterday that the overall attendance this week of all pupils in Cheshire East has been their best ever, even without Covid! Congratulations to all!

☺ Wishing you all a great weekend.

E J Byrne



**Comic Relief Next**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March**



**'Be a superhero or wear red' Non Uniform £1**

## **SCHOOL BUILDING FUND** Each year all parents are

asked to make a voluntary contribution to the Schools Building Fund. Thank you to those who have already donated to the Building Fund this year. We currently have a shortfall of £2705 to raise. If you wish to contribute, please find attached a form to complete for this year's suggested voluntary contribution of £15 per child.



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Please send your completed form with cash/cheque into the school office in a clearly marked envelope with your child's name and class.

This fund will go towards our ongoing roof replacement.

**Stars of the week:** Darcie-Rae Beech, Abigail Simpson, Bobby Shireffs, Colin Polanowski, Thomas Bazell, Isaac Khan, Guy Salgarth, Olivia Perry, Adam Bogucki.

**Kindness Award Winners:** Liliana Wierzbicka, Jax Richardson, Daniel Nyland, Saoirse Hearnshaw, Archie Burns, Bertie Spencer, Isaac Parkes and Lucas Sena.

Congratulations to everyone. A great effort, Thank you.

ASM will be providing holiday clubs here over Easter.

**BOOKING YOUR PLACE JUST GOT EASIER!**

- 1 Register An Account
- 2 Find Your Venue
- 3 Select Your Days
- 4 Confirm Your Booking

Please make sure you register your children's details on our website - even if you have completed your booking via telephone or email.

At the click of a button you can register your child's details online. Our online system makes the booking process easy, efficient and stress free.

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Tel: 01762 261332 | Email: [info@asm-pets.co.uk](mailto:info@asm-pets.co.uk) | Web: [www.asm-pets.co.uk](http://www.asm-pets.co.uk)

**Pricing**

<b>First Half</b> 08:00 - 11:30 £12.00	<b>Full Day</b> 08:00 - 15:00 £20.00	<b>Second Half</b> 12:15 - 15:00 £12.00
<b>Kick Off</b> 08:00 - 09:00 £4.00	<b>Extra Time</b> 15:00 - 17:00 £4.50	

10% Sibling discount | 10% Full week discount  
\*4 year olds eligible for half days only

*I know of many of you have experienced the harsh reality of Covid-19 and its impact, and we have seen the impact on our school community also. Despite there being 'light' as a result of the vaccination roll out, many people are still vulnerable and suffering. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you currently and especially those families experiencing difficulties and strain.*



## “Prayer for Protection”

The Light of God surrounds me.  
 The Love of God enfolds me.  
 The Power of God protects me.  
 The Presence of God watches over me.  
 The Mind of God guides me.  
 The Life of God flows through me.  
 The Laws of God direct me.  
 The Power of God abides within me.  
 The Joy of God uplifts me.  
 The Strength of God renews me.  
 The Beauty of God inspires me.  
 Wherever I am, God is!

\*This prayer was written by James Freeman for all soldiers during World War II. It is as powerful today as it was then.

## Lent Reflections from Fr Tony

Lent is a precious time in the Church's year as we reflect, take stock, and look both inwardly at our own lives, and out into the World seeing everyone as our neighbour. In these recent times of struggle, we especially look to the sacrifice on the Cross as our inspiration, acknowledging those making their own sacrifice in the care of others, and remembering those we have lost.

Each Friday during Lent, Missio invites you to join us, and speakers from our partners the Mill Hill Missionaries and the wider Catholic community, for a short time of prayer and reflection. The events should last around 20 minutes and will be live-streamed via YouTube. Recordings of the liturgies will be available to view on Missio's YouTube channel shortly after they have taken place.

**Live Stream Lent Reflections, Fridays, 10.30am**

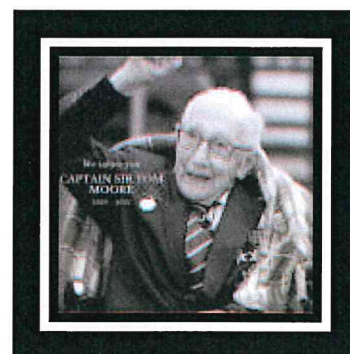
**Join us live every Friday on Missio's YouTube channel**

<https://www.youtube.com/MissioUK>

19 March	St Joseph's Feast Day: Fr Michael Corcoran MHM
26 March	Claire Colleran, Missio Education Adviser
3 April	Good Friday: Fr John Hemer MHM (recorded, not live-streamed)
5 April	Easter Sunday: Fr Tony Chantry MHM (recorded, not live-streamed)

We look forward to sharing with you and praying together during Lent.

## Some of your 100 challenges, just like Sir Tom!



Children made an amazing effort over half-term with the 100 challenge. Challenges and skills including running, walking, balancing, creating, taking photographs and reading were all evident! We're all very proud of you, just like Sir Tom!

## Funding of Our Catholic Schools

Our Catholic schools are Voluntary Aided or Academies and most income is derived from public funds. However, in return for the right to promote the Catholic Faith in our schools, 10% of the cost of building works and major repairs in our Voluntary Aided schools and the costs of managing repairs and improvements to all our school buildings must be met by the Diocese.

## Why was the Schools Building Fund set up?

The 10% cost of building schools and other major building repairs and improvements used to be met from the regular giving made at Mass by parishioners of the Parish (or Parishes) connected to the school. This was often giving by those who could least afford it.

Today, building works are still needed as we strive to continually improve our schools to provide the best teaching and learning environment for your children. However, Mass attendance has fallen in recent times, and the burden of the 10% cost could no longer be met by Parishes. In response to this the Schools Building Fund was set up by the Diocese in 2000, in order to meet the 10% cost of building works and the development of building programmes in our schools.

## How can you help?

All parents with Children attending a school in the Diocese are asked to make a voluntary contribution to the Schools Building Fund. See inside this leaflet for more details.

The suggested contribution is £15 per child (as little as 29p per child per week!) However, you are free to give more or less than this figure – your child will not be treated any differently.

# Help Your Child's School

Please give generously for your children's future

*My dear Parents,*

*It is of great importance that the school buildings in the Diocese that children are educated in provide an environment that reflects the teachings of Christ in the Gospels, and I am very grateful to those parents and guardians who support the Schools Building Fund at a time when there are many calls on your generosity.*

*There is a continual need to repair and improve school buildings to meet the requirements of the many varied educational activities that take place within them so that the very best Catholic education can be provided. With your help, I am confident that this can be achieved. How you can make a voluntary contribution to the Schools Building Fund is described in this leaflet.*

*With every good wish,*

*Yours sincerely in Christ*

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*Bishop of Shrewsbury*



**Donate Online**  
See inside for details



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SCHOOLS BUILDING FUND

Finance Office, Curial Offices, 2 Park Road South, Prenton CH43 4UX

Phone: 0151 652 9855 Fax: 0870 094 0341 Email: [ann.holmes@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:ann.holmes@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

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## How you can make your voluntary contribution

The appeal for contributions is made each year. The suggested contribution is £1.5 per child, but you are free to give more or less than this.

### Direct to School

Complete the Direct Donations to School Form (Form A) and send this with your cash/cheque contribution in an envelope direct to your child's school. If your child's school allows you to make payments using ParentPay, ParentMail, Tucasa, etc... you may also be able to make your contribution in this way. You can also Gift Aid your contribution using Form B on the opposite page.

### Online

Make your voluntary contribution online. Go to: [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/schools-building-fund](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/schools-building-fund) where you can donate via PayPal.

You will also find a Direct Debit form to download and complete if you wish to make your voluntary contribution using this method. You can also Gift Aid your donation online.

## DIRECT DONATIONS TO SCHOOL

NAME OF CHILD(REN):

Please find enclosed my voluntary contribution of £ \_\_\_\_\_ paid

by cheque / cash for the purposes of the Diocese of Shrewsbury Schools Building Fund.

Cheques should be made out to the name of your school and this form returned to that school

Remember do not send Direct Donations (Form A) to the Cural Offices – return it to your Child's School

Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms (please delete)

First Name(s)

Surname

School attended by your child(ren)

Local Authority

### FOR OFFICE USE

(to be completed by School)

DATE RECEIVED:

BANK ACCOUNT PAYING IN SLIP NO:

I confirm that the above sum was received on the date indicated

## GIFT AID DECLARATION

Shrewsbury Roman Catholic Diocesan Trustees  
Registered Charity No. 234025

**Please complete this form – even if you have done so in previous years**

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Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms (please delete)

First Name(s)

Surname

Home Address

Post Code

School attended by your child(ren)

Local Authority

I request that all donations I have made to the above charity since 6 April 2013 and all qualifying gifts of money that I make hereafter shall be treated as Gift Aid donations. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

I intend to make my voluntary contribution by:

cash  cheque  online (via ParentPay, Tucasa, SchoolMoney, ParentMail, etc.)

direct to school for: £ \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Donor

Date of signature \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / 20\_\_\_\_

### Please send this form to:

Ann Holmes, Finance Office,  
Diocese of Shrewsbury, Cural Offices,  
2 Park Road South, Prenton CH43 4UX

The information on this Declaration will be used to complete HM Revenue & Customs Returns and to update appropriate internal records, and will be held by the Diocese to provide information for statutory/audit purposes and to communicate with the donor.

**Boost the value of your voluntary contribution by 25% with Gift Aid!**

If you are a UK Tax Payer, you can take advantage of Gift Aid for your voluntary contribution. See the opposite page for how you can Gift Aid if giving by Direct Debit or Online via PayPal.

If contributing directly to your school, complete the Gift Aid Declaration (Form B). Gift Aid on your contribution will then be reclaimed for the Schools Building Fund.

**Thank You!**

