

### St Valentine – 14th February

Although the Roman Catholic Church continues to recognize St. Valentine as a saint of the church, he was removed from the General Roman Calendar in 1969 because of the lack of reliable information about him. He is the patron saint of lovers, epileptics, and beekeepers.

By some accounts, St. Valentine was a Roman priest and physician who suffered martyrdom during the persecution of Christians by the emperor Claudius II Gothicus about 270. It is possible these are different versions of the same original account and refer to only one person.

According to legend, St. Valentine signed a letter “from your Valentine” to his jailer’s daughter, whom he had befriended and healed from blindness.



Another common legend states that he defied the emperor’s orders and secretly married couples to spare the husbands from war.

## Local Authority Review

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### CHARGING AND REMISSIONS POLICY

New national regulations have come into force (**January 2020**) regarding the way schools charge for trips. Please see below for an extract from our Charging & Remissions Policy.

#### The school reserves the right to charge for:

- Board and lodging and the charge must not exceed the actual cost
- When the school informs parents about a forthcoming visit, they shall make it clear that ***parents who can prove they are in receipt of the following benefits will be exempt from paying the cost of board and lodging:***
  - Universal Credit in prescribed circumstances; 6
  - Income Support (IS);
  - Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA);
  - Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
  - Child Tax Credit, provided that Working Tax Credit is not also received and the family's income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) does not exceed £16,190
  - the guarantee element of State Pension Credit;
  - an income related employment and support allowance that was introduced on 27 October 2008.

Parents are asked to provide proof, in confidence, to our Reception staff who will share this information with the trip organizer.

**N.B.** This **does not** apply to transport costs. A contribution to these costs will be requested.

This may, of course, have implications for future residential trips. Further discussion will take place with governors.



### UNIFORM – FOOTWEAR

We have noticed that children are wearing trainers for school. These are not part of our school uniform.



Please ensure your child has suitable shoes for school – black lace-up or slip-ons. No heels.

*Reminder!*

## From our Healthy Packed Lunch Policy:

Suggestions for food **to include** in a healthy packed lunch



- At least **one** portion of fruit or vegetables every day  
*These foods provide vitamins, minerals and fibre.*
- Meat, fish, eggs or other source of non-dairy protein (eg lentils, beans, soya or hummus) every day (usually as part of a sandwich, wrap, roll or salad)
- Oily fish such as pilchards, tuna or salmon  
*These foods provide protein for growth*
- A starchy food such as bread, pasta, rice, potatoes or other types of cereals every day  
*These starchy foods are a healthy source of energy.*
- Dairy food such as milk, cheese, yoghurt or *fromage frais*  
*These foods provide calcium for healthy bones and teeth.*
- A drink – water is best followed by milk (semi-skimmed), unsweetened fresh fruit juice, diluted fresh fruit juice, drinking yoghurt or dairy based smoothies.
- Cereal bars rather than cakes and biscuits
- Fruit, crackers and cheese and vegetables or bread sticks with a dip.

## Restricted items

To ensure consistency and to keep packed lunches in line with food standards for school meals, packed lunches should not contain the following:

- Fizzy / highly sugared drinks in cartons, bottles or cans
- Meat products such as sausage rolls, individual pies, corned meat, sausages/chipolatas/pepperoni sticks, processed cheese based products
- Cakes
- Crisps
- Biscuits, sweets / confectionary
- Chocolate spread/jam as a filling for sandwiches
- Chewing gum
- Energy drinks
- Nuts or nut products because of the danger to other children with allergies
- Hot food – due to the health and safety concerns relating to food poisoning and scalding.





### **Advice for public about Wuhan Novel Coronavirus**

The latest advice announced on 27 January is that if you have returned from Wuhan in the last 14 days:

- stay indoors and avoid contact with other people as you would with other flu viruses
- call NHS 111 to inform them of your recent travel to the city

See link below for latest guidance for public about the Wuhan Novel Coronavirus. As the situation is evolving, please continue to check the link to make sure you have the latest information and guidance.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>

## **ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS:**

In the event of heavy snow or other adverse weather conditions St Finbar's Catholic Primary School will always endeavour to open and to stay open.

The school must consider the health and safety of all pupils and staff before making a decision. The school must attempt to ensure that sufficient staff can travel in to school safely and return home safely at the end of the day. The school is aware that closure and particularly closure during the day presents real difficulties for many families/ staff members.

### **Worsening conditions during the day**

Sometimes, during the course of the school day, conditions around the school can deteriorate quickly and we have to make a decision to close in order to allow students and staff members to get home safely and in good time.

We realise that some parents will be inconvenienced by a decision to close the school in these circumstances but we endeavour to make that decision based on the best possible information available at the time and with the welfare of students and staff taking priority.

Where practicable, senior members of staff may be needed to remain on site with children until they have all been collected.

To minimise the uncertainty caused by bad weather and snow, we are offering the following advice for parents/carers:

- An update on the homepage of the school website and Twitter account by 7.30 am
- Information on local radio stations (and associated websites); Radio City, Radio Merseyside and Magic
- To contact school no earlier than 8:00am to inform us that a child will not be attending

**We will not use pupil word-of-mouth. Any contact will be to parents from the School Office.**

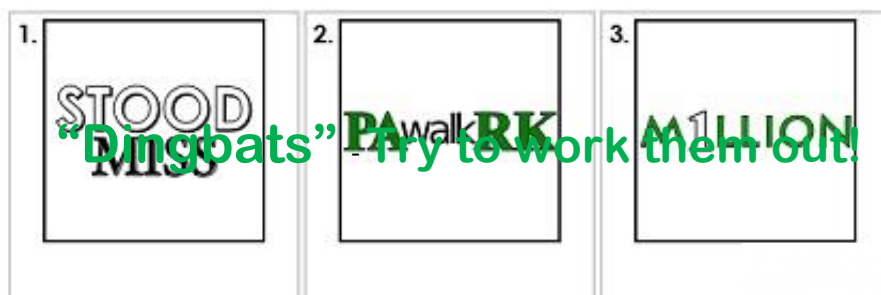
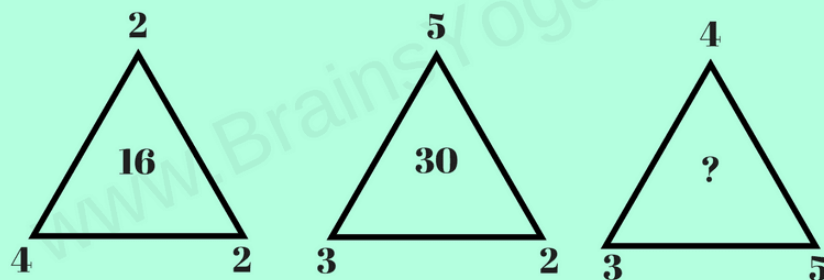


## Diary dates:

FEBRUARY		
Tuesday	4 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 School Health – Reception screening
Wednesday	5 <sup>th</sup>	Attendance initiative ends – Attendance Treat “Bingo” this afternoon
Thursday	6 <sup>th</sup>	3:45 Sacramental preparation at OLMC
Friday	7 <sup>th</sup>	“Super Me” Day – Aspirations
Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup>	3:45 Sacramental preparation at OLMC
Friday	14 <sup>th</sup>	Y3 Collective Worship – Inclusion
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> HALF TERM		
Monday	24 <sup>th</sup>	School closed – Staff Training
Wednesday	26 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 Children to receive Ashes in school
MARCH		
Wednesday	4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Kingswood Colomendy
Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup>	3:45 Sacramental preparation OLMC
Friday	6 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day

# Easy Brain Teaser

What Number will replace question mark ?



"Dingbats" - Try to work them out!



Q. What does the Queen do when she burps?

A. She issues a royal pardon.





Q. What happened when the owl lost her voice?

A. She didn't give a hoot.