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### Week ending Friday February 16<sup>th</sup> 2018.

#### Thought for the week: "Living Lent 2018".

Dear Parents,

**LENT 2018.** Our week began with the whole school gathering together to talk about Lent. We discussed Ash Wednesday, we talked about its significance, we chatted about the Lenten season ahead of us and what we can do to make sure we are "living Lent". Together we said there are a number of things we can do, we could devote more time to prayer, we could do something extra, we could go to Mass and we could follow the Walk with me Calendar. Everyone should have received a calendar, spending a moment together during Lent looking at each day is a really simple way of "giving more time to prayer" for example. Lent is not a sad time but a time for us to prepare for Easter, we can prepare in lots of ways, by doing small things well, by putting others first, by going to Mass, by giving time to prayer, we will all be "*living Lent*".

**Ash Wednesday.** Thank you to Y6 for leading our Liturgy on Wednesday, thanks also to Mrs Logue for overseeing the distribution of ashes for our younger children.

**School Mass.** Our first Mass back in the new half term will be on *Wednesday February 28<sup>th</sup>*, it will be a KS2 Mass led by Y3, please note the change of day/date for the first week back.

**Building Update.** A further reminder that works on the expansion of school begins on **Monday February 19<sup>th</sup>** (half term week). From after half term accessing school via the drive for vehicles will not be possible. Any families that use the breakfast club will need to park on the car park and walk up the drive, visitors to school will need to do likewise. *In the interests of everyone's safety the school drive will not be open until all the work has been completed in July.*

**Half Term.** We break up today *Friday February 16<sup>th</sup>*. We all return to school on *Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February* at the usual time. A further reminder that we break up for the Easter holidays on *Thursday March 29<sup>th</sup> at 1.00pm*. We return for the summer term on *Tuesday April 17<sup>th</sup>* at the usual time.

**Y4 and Sarehole Mill.** Many thanks to Mrs Chandler for overseeing Y4's visit to Sarehole Mill. Well done to Y4 (both trips) for being super ambassadors for our school, everyone had a good trip despite the weather!



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**Y4A Class Assembly.** Thanks Y4A and Mrs Attwood/Mrs Barker for a lovely assembly this morning.

**Parents Evening Spring 2018.** Thanks for turning out in such great numbers this week, I hope the meetings were helpful and informative.

**Phonics meetings EYFS/KS1.** Thanks to those that came along midweek, thanks to Mrs Whitty for overseeing the meetings.

**Cardinal Wiseman and St Edmund Campion schools.** I am grateful to both Cardinal Wiseman and St Edmund Campion for performing “Grease” and “Bugsy Malone” during the week, the children who managed to get to see the shows really enjoyed them. Both schools are putting on the musicals as we speak, so please see the respective school websites for further details if any families fancy attending.

**Chicken Pox.** School has seen a significant outbreak of chicken pox recently across a number of classes. Please be aware of the symptoms and if you are concerned at all please get your child checked. Symptoms may include: Fatigue and irritability one to two days before the rash begins. An Itchy, red rash that progresses to tiny, fluid-filled blisters on the trunk, face, scalp, under the armpits, on the upper arms and legs, and inside the mouth. Fever, Feeling ill decreased appetite, muscle and/or joint pain a cough or a runny nose.

**PCSO Tracy Baker.** After half term PCSO Baker will be working closely with school, I have asked her also to be available to talk to parents on a regular basis. The first of these sessions will be on *Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> march at 9.00am*. PCSO Baker will be talking about “social media/ online gaming” and the dangers they can pose. Please come along if you can as I’m sure it will be a really interesting and informative first session.

**Attendance for half term ending February 16<sup>th</sup> 2018**

Year Group	% Attendance
Y1F	96%
Y1C	96%
Y2L	97%
Y2D	98%
Y3R	96%
Y3W	97%
Y4A	96%
Y4P	95%
Y5	97%
Y6	96%
<b>Half termly Average</b>	<b>96%</b>

**Happy Birthday:** Valentina Gamuchi Gamuchi, Jos Jordan Ohagwu, Daniel Latowski, Adnan Khan, Alicja Walczak, Aaliyah Ali, Eve Hassam, Connie – Eve Murphy, Kai Neary, Nahom Mulgetta, Yomer Meron, Francie Byrne, Damon Burke, Leo Stobbe, Jayran James-Richards and Isabelle Mekonnen.

**Please pray for:** Our school and parish as Lent 2018 begins.

Many Thanks for all your co-operation.

Mr M Aldred. Head Teacher



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