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### **Week beginning Monday March 12th 2018.**

#### **Thought for the week: "Living Lent"**

**LENT 2018.** Lent is a perfect time for all of us to re-examine our lives, to become more "self-giving" rather than "selfish". To put others first and to be aware of the feeling of others. Lent can offer us an opportunity to consider how what we say and what we do can impact on others after all "it is in giving that we receive".

**Y5 Mass.** Thank you to Mrs Donnelly and the Y5 children for Mass this morning. Our next Mass will be on **Friday March 16<sup>th</sup>** and will be led by Y2.

**Building Update.** The extension continues and work on our new playground has also begun this week. Currently there is work going on in two separate areas across school, as a result at the front of school heavy machinery is moving from site to site, therefore can I reinforce the message that the drive cannot be used until all the work has been completed. Many thanks to everyone for their support and patience with this matter. If anyone needs to walk up the drive to come into school, please use the pedestrian gate and please exercise great caution.

**Nursery 2018-2019.** I will write to all parents that have completed a form for Nursery next September before we break up for the Easter holidays.

**Secondary Schools 2018.** Another reminder that our oldest children should have received their secondary school for next September this week. If anyone hasn't been given the name of their school or wants to talk about the school, they have been offered please pop in to the office.

**PCSO Tracey Baker.** PCSO Baker visited school on Monday and Tuesday of this week. On Monday she visited every KS2 class and spoke about the importance of staying safe online. The following day a very healthy turnout of parents came along to listen to the same message but obviously aimed at an older audience. Firstly, can I say a big thank you to all those that came along, the turnout was such that I have asked PCSO Baker to come back and offer the session once again, as soon as I have a date I will let everyone know. I cannot stress enough the importance of this workshop, if you couldn't make it earlier in the week then please do try and come to the next session, feedback was very positive. Can I also thank Mrs Chandler who organised and oversaw PCSO Baker's visit to school.

**School Website.** Please keep abreast of things via our website it is updated regularly; please leave a comment in the guestbook if you wish to.



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**Holidays in term time.** Another reminder that I am not able to authorise absences from school during term time. Please can I ask that no requests for time off are submitted as I will not be able to sanction them.

**Spring 2018.** Without wanting to tempt fate but spring looks like it may be starting to arrive. A huge thank you to everyone for your cooperation with the school closures this year. The local authority issued two blanket closures for the first time I can remember, indicating how extreme the weather has been. Thanks to everyone.

**Y1C Class Assembly.** A huge thank you to everyone concerned with Y1C for their understanding in having to reschedule the class assembly. The new date is Wednesday March 28<sup>th</sup> at 9.00am in the school hall. I sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused it really was circumstances beyond our control.

**Mother's day Assembly for EYFS.** Thank you EYFS and thank you to all the mummies that came along, Happy Mother's Day!!

**Spring Term 2018.** We break up for the Easter holidays on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 1.00pm**, returning for the summer term on **Tuesday April 17<sup>th</sup>**.

**Attendance for week ending March 9th 2018**

Year Group	% Attendance
Y1F	97%
Y1C	96%
Y2L	95%
Y2D	97%
Y3R	95%
Y3W	98%
Y4A	98%
Y4P	94%
Y5	100%
Y6	95%
<b>Weekly Average</b>	<b>97%</b>

**Happy Birthday:** Amy Walsh, Chloe McMenamin, Rhianna Davis, Oluwatimileyin and Karina Marciniak

**Please pray for:** Our school and parish as our Lenten journey continues.

**Mr Barton.** I spoke to Mr Barton earlier this week; he is very much on the mend and hopes to be back with us this side of the Easter break. I spoke to a number of families at Parents Evening who asked after him. I passed on those good wishes to him and hopefully he will be back with us sooner rather than later.

Many thanks for your co-operation and support with these matters.

M. Aldred Head Teacher.



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