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Week beginning Monday March 19th 2018.

Thought for the week:

“Living Lent”

LENT 2018. Lent is drawing to an end and Holy Week is approaching. The Gospel on Sunday will talk about “following” and “serving” God. This is a very simple thing to do; we can do it by doing the small things we already do better. We can help one another at home, we can look after one another at school, we can make time for people who need us and we can put others before ourselves. Over the weekend and into next week we will be thinking about two Saints that did all of the above, St Patrick and St Joseph. They followed God and served others, two excellent role models for all of us.

Y2 Mass. Thank you to Ms Dunne, Mrs Fernandez and the Y2 children for Mass this morning. Our next Mass will be on **Friday March 23rd** and will be led by Y1.

Building Update. The foundations for the extension have now almost been finished; the playground at the rear of school is also starting to take shape. I have a meeting next week with the architect, contractor and site foreman to review the progress we have made so far. Another reminder to please not use the school drive, there is an awful lot of heavy machinery moving across the front of school so your understanding and patience is much appreciated.

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.

PCSO Tracey Baker. PCSO Baker visited school earlier this week to talk to our younger children; these sessions have proved useful and informative. We will hopefully have some more after the Easter break.

Holidays in term time. A final 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.

First Holy Communion 2018 Saturday May 12th at 9.00am and 11.00am, Saturday May 19th at 9.00am. Mr Barton will write to all concerned on our return after Easter.

Confirmation 2018. This will take place on **Monday July 9th at 7.00pm.** Again Mr Barton will write to Y6 families after the break.

Y4P Class Assembly. This takes place next ***Thursday March 22nd at 9.00am.***

Y1F Class Assembly. This will take place next ***Friday March 23rd at 9.00am.***



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Y1C Class Assembly. The new date is ***Wednesday March 28th at 9.00am*** in the school hall.

Y4A/P Visit to St Paul's Convent. Thanks to Mrs Logue and her team of helpers who led our trip at the beginning of the week.

Geography Day 2018. Thanks to Miss Ward for overseeing our Geography day on Tuesday.

Green Day. Thanks for your support with "Green Day" today, during Holy Week I will write with all the totals we collected and where we intend to send the money. Thanks to all concerned.

School Visits. As part of the curriculum each class attends numerous visits throughout the year. It is ***ESSENTIAL*** that school has your permission to go on these trips, without this permission your child/children cannot go on the trip. Please can I urge you to make sure if you need to complete a consent form that you do so as the last this school wants is for children to miss out on a class visit.

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

Attendance for week ending March 16th 2018

Year Group	% Attendance
Y1F	99%
Y1C	99%
Y2L	87%
Y2D	97%
Y3R	98%
Y3W	99%
Y4A	100%
Y4P	98%
Y5	94%
Y6	99%
Weekly Average	98%

Happy Birthday: Daisy - Ella Fleming, Charlie King, Kim Yankam and James Onuba.

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

Mr Barton. Mr Barton visited everyone on Wednesday; he is feeling much better and is well on the way to making a full recovery after his recent surgery. He is aiming to return next week before we break up for the Easter holidays, Y5 in particular were delighted to see him as was I. We look forward to welcoming him back for Holy Week.

Mrs Whitty At the end of last week Mrs Whitty was rushed into hospital for an emergency operation. This proved successful and she is now back home recuperating. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

Many thanks for your co-operation and support with these matters.
Happy St Patrick's Day to everyone!

M. Aldred Head Teacher.



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