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**Week ending Friday February 17th 2017.**

**Thought for the week:**

**“In the end we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends”**

Dear Parents,

**LENT 2017** Lent isn't a sad time but a time that marks the move from late winter into early spring. It also affords us the opportunity to reflect on our lives and what we can do to make them better. Getting ready for Easter and trying to open our hearts to Jesus are things that we will be talking about at length with the children after half term. The Wednesday after we return to school will see Lent begin with Ash Wednesday (1/3/17). All of the children will receive their ashes to mark the beginning of Lent and in assemblies and class, the children will learn that Lent, amongst other things, is a time to pray, a time to do something extra, a time to reflect and a time to try and become a better person.

**PE Assembly.** We began this week with our usual Monday assembly. This week Mr Barton led the school in reflecting what it takes to be “truly sporting”. He played the children two different clips of examples of true sportsmanship in a cricket and football game. He went on to explain to the children how important it is to both win and lose with dignity. Achievement in sport is about succeeding at whatever you do, but the true champions handle both defeat and success in the same way. Mr Barton and I then presented certificates to children that had been nominated for achievement in PE and for sportsmanlike behaviour. Well done to all concerned and thanks to Mr Barton for leading our assembly.

**School Mass** Thank you to KS2 for leading our Mass on Wednesday. After Half term (1/3/17) Ash Wednesday will see Y2-Y6 receive their ashes in Church. Whilst the EYFS and Y1 will receive theirs during a prayer service in the hall.

**Alton Castle October 2<sup>nd</sup>-October 4<sup>th</sup> 2017** Thanks to everyone that came to the meeting yesterday. Thanks also to Mr Barton for leading our meeting. A further reminder, if anyone wants to talk privately with myself, about any aspect of the trip, please call into school. It really is a wonderful trip with memories that will last forever.

**Y3 Class Assembly** Thanks to Y3, Mrs Fernandez, Mrs Attwood and Mrs Croft for their lovely assembly this morning. Thanks to Y3 parents for a super turn out.

**Teacher Days** The dates of our remaining Teacher Days this year are **April 24<sup>th</sup>, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, June 30<sup>th</sup> and July 24<sup>th</sup>.**



**Half Term** Half term begins **today Friday February 17<sup>th</sup>** when we break up. We all return to school on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February** at the usual time. A further reminder that we break up for the Easter holidays **on Friday April 7<sup>th</sup> at 1.00pm.** We return for the summer term on **Tuesday April 25<sup>th</sup>** at the usual time.

**Week after half term Monday 27<sup>th</sup>** the school bank is open for business. **Tuesday (28<sup>th</sup>)** is a non-uniform day “Yellow Day” £1 per child please for one of our Lenten charities that Mr Barton has written to you about. **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>** is also the date for Y1 parents to attend a phonics screening meeting at **2.00pm** with Mrs Chandler. **Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup>** is Ash Wednesday, and Y1 are heading off to the Black Country museum. Finally **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** is World Book Day (see separate letter)

**Extra Curricular Clubs: Week beginning Monday February 27th 2017 3.05pm-4.00pm**

Day	Club	Year group	Teacher
Monday	Computing Club	Y4	Miss Dunne
Monday	Maths Club	Y6	Miss McCarron
Tuesday	D&T Club	Y2	Mrs Attwood/Mrs Croft
Wednesday	Gymnastics club	Y3	Fit 4 Schools
Thursday	Art Club	Reception	Mrs Crossen/Mrs Whitty
Thursday	Sports club	Y5/6	Mr Barton
Thursday	Science Club	Y1	Mrs Bryan/Miss Crowton

**Attendance for half term ending February 17th 2017**

Year Group	% Attendance
Reception M	90%
Reception C	95%
Y1F	97%
Y1C	95%
Y2C	98%
Y2D	97%
Y3	96%
Y4	97%
Y5	96%
Y6	93%
<b>Half Termly Average</b>	<b>96%</b>

**Please pray for:** The Scully family at this sad time for all of them. Please also keep in your thoughts Mrs Betty Lordan who is poorly.

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

M. Aldred Head teacher

