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Week beginning March 4th 2019

Thought for the week:

“Tomorrow is always fresh with no mistakes in it”

Dear Parents,

Welcome Back! We are now precisely half way through the school year; I hope everyone managed some kind of break last week. All relevant dates for the half term ahead can be found on our website.

LENT 2019. Next Wednesday March 6th (Ash Wednesday) sees the start of Lent. It is the ideal time to think of those less fortunate than we are and to do something about it. The season of Lent lasts 40 days; this reminds us of the time Jesus spent in the wilderness. During this time Jesus grew stronger, Lent offers all of us the same opportunity to grow stronger as our journey of faith continues.

Ash Wednesday. Our next school Mass will be next *Wednesday 6th* to mark the beginning of Lent, Y3-Y6 will gather in church whilst EYFS and Y1 & Y2 will lead a prayer service in school. At Mass/prayer service, the children will receive ashes on the foreheads to mark the beginning of the Lenten season, a season that lasts up until Easter Day on April 21st.

Family Mass Sunday March 10th at 10.00am Our “Family Mass” for this term will take place on March 10th. All of Y3 and Y6 (Confirmandi) need to be present however it would be lovely to see each year group represented in the choir as we mark the beginning of our Lenten journey.

Gospel Values. Mr Barton introduced our two new virtues for the half term on Monday. He spoke about how as a school family we can be *“learned” and “wise”* in everything we say and do.

School Mass. Thanks to KS2 for leading our Mass today, thanks also to Mr Barton for organising the liturgy.

KS2 SATs 2019. Thanks to Mr Barton again for our SATs meeting on Wednesday, thanks to all the families that managed to come along.

Phonics Meeting. Thanks to Mrs Chandler and those that came along yesterday to our phonics update, I hope the session proved helpful.

Teacher Days 2019. In 2019, our remaining teacher days are *Friday April 5th 2019, Friday June 28th, Friday July 5th and Monday July 22nd.*



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Spring Term 2019. We break up for the Easter holidays on **Friday April 12th at 1.00pm,** returning for the summer term on **Monday April 29th.**

Multiskills. The children had a super day on Tuesday thanks to Ms Fellows organising a multi skills tournament. They took part in a variety of exciting games and activities; do have a look at the twitter feed for some excellent photos.

Yellow Day. Thanks to everyone for supporting “yellow day” today, a happy St David’s day!!

Change of Dates: Please note the date for Y2C class assembly will have to be put back a week to **Friday March 22nd at 9.00am.** “Green Day” will also now take place on **Thursday March 14th (a day earlier than originally planned)**

Safeguarding Update. You may have read or heard about the “Momo challenge” that is currently in the news. This “challenge” is predominantly an urban myth that has gained some considerable press coverage. In response to this the key for families is that *they should be monitoring what their children are doing and the messages they are sending/receiving.* *Children also must understand the importance of telling someone if something upsets them online.*

Attendance for the week ending March 1st 2019

Year Group	Weekly %
Rec W	99%
RecF	100%
Y1P	97%
Y1F	89%
Y2C	97%
Y2M	96%
Y3B	99%
Y3T	95%
Y4R	97%
Y4D	98%
Y5M	99%
Y5A	96%
Y6B	99%
Average	97%

Parents Evenings. These are taking place next Wednesday and Thursday, if you have not already please make sure you have an appointment time. *Please also note there will be no after school clubs next Thursday 7th due to parents evening.*

World Book Day. School is celebrating “World Book Day” next Friday (8/3/19). Please come dressed as your favourite book character for the day.

Please pray for Marian McBride RIP.

Happy Birthday to: Nadia, Cleo, Gabriela, Melissa, Kobi, Matts, Krystian, Tianna and Reese.

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

M. Aldred Head Teacher.



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