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Week beginning Monday January 27th 2020.

Thought for the week:

“Don’t just count your years make your years count”

Dear Parents,

School Mass. Thanks to Y5 and Y2 for leading our mass this morning. Next week (Friday 31st) will see Y6 & Y3 leading our Liturgy.

Sacramental Programme 2020. We will have to have three masses at 9.00am and 11.00am on *Saturday April 25th and 9.00am on Saturday June 6th*. I am most grateful to Father Simon for his help with this, making sure we can all fit in the church can be a logistical challenge. Mr Barton has now written to all those concerned with the final dates/times.

Building Work. A reminder that from February 2nd (for approximately two weeks), the redundant gas pipe beyond the far end of the car park will be removed. This will result in an increase in traffic/heavy machinery, please be vigilant arriving/leaving school.

Y5 trip to the Botanical Gardens. For the first part of the term, Y5 will be studying the “Rainforests”. As a result, the year group visited the Botanical Gardens last Tuesday. The children experienced the tropical conditions of a Rainforest and studied different habitats. Many thanks to Mrs Attwood and Mr Mulligan for organising the visit.

Lottery/Library Lunch. Our first “invitees” for lunch and then to read in our Library visited school on Tuesday. Thanks to those, that could make it and many thanks to Mrs Heslegrave for overseeing the visit. The Library is now complete and looks splendid. This week Y4 have been making use of it with each year group being timetabled to visit it throughout the term. Many thanks to Ms McCarron/Mrs Heslegrave for setting our Library up, it really is a wonderful resource for everyone to use.

Attendance. Mrs Logue will be writing shortly about updated procedures school will be adopting, please look out for her letter.

Car Parking. I have received several complaints from residents in Golden Eagle Crescent about people parking and blocking residential driveways. I have passed these complaints on to the Police who said they would step up their patrols in the area. Please can everyone park considerately and avoid blocking driveways.



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Y4 INSPIRE Workshop. Thanks to Y4 families that came along yesterday, next week (30th) Y1 will be hosting their workshops.

Swimming lessons. School has invested in an additional swimming slot on a Tuesday morning. By the end of Y6, children should be able to swim 25metres unaided. This extra Tuesday morning session is primarily aimed at those children that need extra support to achieve this goal. Many thanks to Mr Barton for overseeing these extra swimming lessons.

Y6 trip to Cadburys World. This half term Y6 are looking at all things “Fairtrade” in their topic. Hence a visit to Cadburys World in Bourneville. Sadly, I couldn’t go this year but remember from our previous visits what an excellent trip it is. Thanks to Mr Barton/Ms McCarron for organising the visit.

Professor McGinty Visit. It was wonderful to welcome back our time traveling Historian Professor McGinty to school on Wednesday. Y2 were immersed in all things “Tudors”, whilst Y3 were taken back to Ancient Rome. As always, everyone had an informative and enjoyable time.

Spring Term 2020. Another reminder that we break up for half term on **Friday February 14th**, returning on **Monday the 24th February** at the usual time. We break up for the Easter holidays on **Friday April 3rd** at 1.00pm, returning for the summer term on **Monday April 20th**.

Attendance for the week ending January 24th 2020

Year Group	% Attendance
Rec M	99%
Rec R	97%
Y1J	97%
Y1P	96%
Y2H	94%
Y2M	99%
Y3C	97%
Y3P	98%
Y4M	97%
Y4Y	98%
Y5A	94%
Y5M	97%
Y6B	99%
Y6M	97%
Weekly Average	97%

Happy Birthday: Elle-Mae, Lamek, Jenson, Faith, Favour and Leila-Maria.

Please pray for: Mr O’Grady who is poorly. Please also pray for all those that make use of the goods kindly donated by everyone to our “foodbank” this morning. I know everything will be put to great use, thank you.

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

M. Aldred Head Teacher



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