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### Week beginning Monday February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020.

#### Thought for the week:

**“You can't have a better tomorrow if your always thinking of yesterday”**

Dear Parents,

**School Mass.** Thanks to Y6 and Y3 for leading our mass this morning. Next week (Friday 7th) will see Y4 & Y1 leading our Liturgy.

**Building Work.** A final reminder that from February 2<sup>nd</sup> (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.

**The Curriculum.** School has worked tirelessly to try to make the curriculum we offer unique to our setting. The curriculum we have developed has a number of key themes, wellbeing, respect, resilience, perseverance and curiosity being the main drivers. We try to enrich the curriculum with class trips and visitors to school, for example. By the time the children leave our school in Y6 our curriculum strives to give the children a firm grasp in Reading, Writing and Maths, an understanding of British Values, confidence in their ability, an aspiration to aim high and most important of all a deep-rooted faith and understanding of the Gospel Virtues. Do look at the website where you can find some more detail about the curriculum each year group follows. Maybe go along to the Library and take out some books on the particular topics. Complete some research online or produce a design of something related to the particular topic. Already this year we have had some wonderful pieces of work brought in from home, I particularly remember some of the Viking longboats (Y4 Autumn term 1) and transport models (Y1 Autumn term 1) as wonderful examples of how a topic can be enriched. Thanks to everyone for supporting what we are trying to do with our curriculum ensuring we can all live, love and learn.

**Y1 trip to Castle Bromwich Gardens.** This term Y1 are studying “Seasons and Settlements”. As part of their topic, they went out and visited Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens on Monday. The children enjoyed an informative trip (despite the cold!) and thanks to the staff for taking the children on what is always a popular visit.

**Y3C & Y3P “Stay and Read”.** Many thanks to the Y3C & Y3P families for coming along in such numbers on Tuesday/Thursday for our latest “stay and read” session. Many thanks to everyone!



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**Attendance.** It is essential that we make every effort to come to school, even if we wake up late *it is never too late to come to school*. Missing any time from school is detrimental and children can miss so much. School is in session 38 weeks out of 52 each year so if holidays are now being planned please book them in holiday and not term time. Mrs Logue has written to everyone about the importance of attending school and about the formal process that will be followed with those families that are persistent low attenders at school. Please continue to support school by doing your utmost to come to school each day.

**Y4 visit to Lapworth Museum of Geology.** This half term Y4 are studying “Fire and Ice” as their topic. Hence, today they spent half a day at the museum in Lapworth considering all things “fire and ice”. Thanks to Mrs Young and Ms McInerney for overseeing the trips.

**Car Parking.** Please park considerately and drive carefully when entering/exiting the car park adjacent to Church. We have had some near misses recently so please be vigilant when arriving/departing school.

**Y1 INSPIRE Workshop.** Thanks to Y1, families that came along yesterday, next week (6th) Y3 will be hosting their workshops.

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

**Attendance for the week ending January 31<sup>st</sup> 2020**

Year Group	% Attendance
Rec M	98%
Rec R	96%
Y1J	99%
Y1P	100%
Y2H	93%
Y2M	98%
Y3C	98%
Y3P	99%
Y4M	100%
Y4Y	97%
Y5A	95%
Y5M	99%
Y6B	96%
Y6M	99%
<b>Weekly Average</b>	<b>98%</b>

**Happy Birthday:** Fabian, Marcel, Joel, Renee, Chisom, Makomborero, Damian, Favour, Ethan, India and Eden.

**Please pray for:** Anyone in our school family that is poorly.

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

M. Aldred Head Teacher.



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