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Week ending Friday February 14th 2020.

Thought for the week:

“Good friends are like walls, sometimes you lean on them”

Dear Parents,

LENT 2020. The first Wednesday after half term (February 26th 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 on *Wednesday 26th February* 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 Saturday on April 11th.

Family Mass Sunday March 1st at 10.00am Our “Family Mass” for this term will take place on March 1st. 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.

School Mass. Thanks to Y5 and Y2 for leading our mass this morning.

School Council Assembly. Thanks to our school councillors and Ms McCarron for their informative assembly to begin our week. They told us many things about what they have done so far this year, their plans and what it means to be a Hindu in Britain today. It was an interesting assembly so thanks to all concerned.

Y2H Class Assembly. Thank you to Y2H and Mrs Heslegrave for their lovely assembly this morning, it really was a super way to head into half term.

Y2 INSPIRE Workshop. Thanks to Y2 families that came along yesterday and turning out in such great numbers.

Y1P Stay and Read. Thanks to Ms Parkes for organising our latest “stay and read” session yesterday. Thanks also to the parents that managed to come along in such numbers it was lovely to see so many children reading with their parents, many thanks to all concerned.



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Dinner Money/Breakfast Club. With half term approaching please, make sure all debts are settled.

Spring Term 2020. School breaks up for half term today **Friday February 14th**, returning on **Monday 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**.

Curriculum. This year we have been very fortunate to be able to visit Cardinal Wiseman with a group of Y5 and Y6 every week. This group are receiving Maths work/lessons from a Maths specialist to help develop their Mathematical skills. The sessions are proving useful, so many thanks to Mr Mulligan for organising these lessons.

Special mention to Y3 and the work everyone has done on their topic “The Romans” this half term. I visited Y3 yesterday and some of the work that has come in from home (with your support) was wonderful. The children took great delight and obvious pride in telling me what they had been learning and working on at home. “Ancient Rome” well and truly came alive in Y3! Thanks to everyone for your support.

KS1 Phonics meeting. Some advance notice that there is a meeting for parents in KS1 to discuss phonics with Mrs Heslegrave on Tuesday 25th February. A letter should have come home to relevant parents, if anyone is unsure if they need to attend please contact the office.

Attendance for the half term ending Friday February 14th 2020

Year Group	% Attendance
Rec M	97%
Rec R	93%
Y1J	98%
Y1P	97%
Y2H	96%
Y2M	97%
Y3C	96%
Y3P	99%
Y4M	98%
Y4Y	98%
Y5A	96%
Y5M	96%
Y6B	97%
Y6M	97%
Half Termly Average	97%

Happy Birthday: Eliyam, Damon, Isabelle, Jayran, Valentina G, Adnan and Samantha.

Please pray for: Our school community that everyone returns safely after half term.

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

I hope everyone manages some kind of rest over half term and that the weather is kind.

M. Aldred Head Teacher.



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