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Week beginning March 9th 2020

Thought for the week:

“Don’t raise your voice improve your argument”

Dear Parents,

LENT 2020. Our week began with an assembly reflecting on the first week of Lent. We talked together about some of the traditional things we do during Lent; in particular, we talked about fasting or giving something up. I then set the children a challenge, instead of giving up chocolate or crisps for example, give up being unkind during Lent. We talked together about how all of us can sometimes be unkind, selfish or spiteful. We all agreed that giving up these things during Lent would really make a difference. The news today seems full of negativity each day so giving the negative things up for Lent would really make a difference.

“Giving alms” is another aspect of Lent that we focus on, on Monday I thanked all the children for bringing in toiletries for those less fortunate than ourselves. The two trolleys were full of toothpaste, shampoo and toiletries of all description, many thanks to everyone!

Family Mass Sunday March 8th at 10.00am (Please note the change of date). Our “Family Mass” for this term will take place on March 8th. 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. Our next Mass will be on Friday March 13th and this will be a Y6 and Y3 Mass. Many thanks to KS1 for their lovely Mass this morning.

Coronavirus. Once more can I please ask everyone to heed the following advice. It is important to realise that the infection for most people is not serious, including children. The chances of catching the virus is also currently low in the UK. The best advice to stop it spreading is to “wash your hands with soap/sanitiser and if you need to sneeze then catch it in a tissue, throw the tissue in the bin and wash your hands to “catch it, bin it and kill it”.

World Book Day. School celebrated “World Book Day” on Wednesday. The costumes were spectacular from both teachers and pupils alike. Many thanks to everyone for joining in so enthusiastically and thanks to Ms McCarron and Mr Heslegrave for organising the day, until next year!



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“Reception Stay and Read”. A huge thank you to all our Reception parents and Ms Rathbone for the wonderful “Stay and Read” sessions this week. It really was super to see so many parents staying at school and reading with their child, thank you to everyone.

St Chads Cathedral. Mr Barton escorted our Confirmandi to the Cathedral on Wednesday as part of their preparations for Confirmations. One of our governors is a guide at the Cathedral, which always adds to the visit for Y6. Thanks to Mr Barton and the Confirmandi for representing our school so well on Wednesday and thanks to Mr McConnell for guiding our children around the Cathedral.

Ofsted Inspection 2020. As you will know, Ofsted inspected our school this week. I am unable to share the findings with you yet until I receive the report. However, I want at this juncture to thank everybody for their efforts in school this week. An Ofsted inspection is an extremely robust process, so to ALL the staff and governors thank you for all your hard work and support. As soon as I have the report, I will circulate it to everyone.

Attendance for the week ending Friday March 6th 2020

Year Group	% Attendance
Rec M	93%
Rec R	94%
Y1J	96%
Y1P	97%
Y2H	97%
Y2M	99%
Y3C	98%
Y3P	99%
Y4M	99%
Y4Y	99%
Y5A	92%
Y5M	95%
Y6B	96%
Y6M	97%
Weekly Average	97%

Please pray for: Our school and parish as Lent begins.

Happy Birthday: Leah-Maria, Cleo, Melissa-Lucindra, Matts, Amy W and Chloe.

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

M. Aldred Head Teacher.



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