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Week beginning March 16th 2020

Thought for the week:

“Happiness is not getting what you want; it’s wanting what you have”

Dear Parents,

LENT 2020. Mr Barton led the school on Monday with a reflection on last Sunday’s Gospel, “The Transfiguration”. Something “special” happened to Jesus on the mountain and Mr Barton asked us all to think about something special we can do during Lent. In discussing the events of the “Transfiguration” with the children, we wondered why the apostles had seen Jesus begin to glow and shine, the children replied that they saw this because “Jesus is the light of the world”. Again Mr Barton challenged all of us to let our “lights shine” during Lent.

Family Mass A huge thank you to everyone that managed to come along last Sunday, it was a lovely way to begin our Lenten journey together. To the choir, readers (Michael, Connie-Eve and Yafiet) and everyone that came along to fill the church, many thanks. Thanks also to the staff that came along, your support is much appreciated.

School Mass. Our next Mass will be on *Friday March 20th* and this will be a Y5 and Y2 Mass. Many thanks to Y6 & Y3 for their lovely Mass this morning. Before Mass the Rosary is prayed beginning at 8:55am, please do go along if you can. Our Liturgy Leaders will be joining the parish by praying the Rosary in church every Tuesday morning during Lent. **Please note that we are collecting Shampoo next Tuesday 17th as part of our Lenten almsgiving, please donate if you can.**

Coronavirus. *You will appreciate this is a very fluid situation, if at any time in the future the advice we have received changes I will inform you immediately.* As for now the best advice to stop the virus 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”.

Y2 visit to Baddesley Clinton. Earlier this week Y2 were fortunate enough to get the opportunity to go and visit Baddesley Clinton in Solihull. With the school being a member of the National Trust trips to such places are becoming commonplace. The neighbouring property of Packwood House for example is a regular trip we go on. The children get to experience the fresh air, splendid gardens and beautiful surroundings. Y2 used the visit as a stimulus to do some



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Artwork and by all accounts really enjoyed their visit. Many thanks to Mrs Heslegrave and Ms Parkes for overseeing the trip.

Library/Lottery Lunch. Thanks to those invited on Wednesday for coming along and sharing lunch and a book with the children. Thanks also to Mrs Heslegrave for overseeing it.

Y3 trip to Aston Hall. Slightly closer to home than Baddesley Clinton Y3 paid a visit to the excellent Aston Hall on Wednesday. The topic of “Grand Designs” is complemented superbly by this visit; indeed, I would recommend everyone to visit what is a fascinating local landmark. Thanks to Mrs Coates and Ms Pritchard for organising the visit.

Parents Evenings Reception –Y6 Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th March. By now, you should have received your appointment for the respective parent consultation meetings. If by any chance, you still haven’t heard please contact the school office immediately.

A footnote to the above is that parents evening for Nursery families will be on **Thursday 26th and Friday 27th March.** A separate letter came home about this and likewise if any Nursery parents haven’t received an appointment time let us know.

Easter Holidays 2020. School breaks up for the Easter break on **Friday April 3rd at 1:00pm.** The children return to school on **Monday April 20th.**

Attendance for the week ending Friday March 13th 2020

Year Group	% Attendance
Rec M	95%
Rec R	96%
Y1J	97%
Y1P	96%
Y2H	97%
Y2M	99%
Y3C	99%
Y3P	99%
Y4M	98%
Y4Y	99%
Y5A	91%
Y5M	97%
Y6B	95%
Y6M	95%
Weekly Average	97%

Please pray for: Ms Bibb and her family at this sad time for all of them.

Happy Birthday: Zayan, Helen, Timi, Karina and Kim.

Many thanks as always for your co-operation and support with these matters and a Happy St Patrick’s Day to everyone!

M. Aldred Head Teacher.



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