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Dear Parents,



We continue our Lenten preparations with our daily *Walk With Me* assemblies – a spiritual fifteen minutes to start each day with a focus taken from the calendar and Diocese Walk With Me booklets. We have the parish (and Fr Paul especially) to thank for their generosity in gifting school the resources. I know Fr Paul has said they are free if they are being used: I want to assure him they most certainly are. Parents, you can help in emphasises our Catholic Life approach by asking your children who led the assembly each day and what the importance message was. Remember, nothing remembered, nothing learnt! Even being asked to recall something further embeds it in our long term memory.

We waved 'au revoir' to Miss Reynolds today as she starts her maternity leave. The class are in good hands with Miss Perkins and we look forward to seeing Miss Reynolds when she returns to use in the new academic year, along with the new arrival.

Finally, you may have noticed our new website has been launched. We will be slowly updating the content but hopefully it is a little easier to navigate and looks a little more modern.

Golden Book

Reception: Aibhlinn Brady for being kind and caring towards her peers during lunchtime and making sure that everybody has someone to play with. Aibhlinn always contributes amazing ideas and puts 100% effort into all of her work. Well done, Aibhlinn!

Year One: Mila is always on task and gives 100% in all her work. She is beginning to read her sentences back and check that it makes sense. She works hard in our weekly tennis lessons, showcasing her fantastic skills. She is a lovely, kind friend to everyone in the class. Well done Mila!

Year Two: Hope Coughlan for making astounding progress with her reading. We are all very impressed! You are such a positive person to have in our class bringing a big smile into the classroom every day.

Year Three: Elijah Roberts for having a positive attitude across all of his lessons this week and paying care and attention to the work that he has produced. He has made a real effort this week to be a kind and considerate classmate to his peers.

Year Four: Isla Byrne for being an active member of the class, sharing her learning with her peers by contributing in lessons and being proactive in getting work completed. Keep up the great work Isla!

Year Five: Cara McMahon always shows enthusiasm for her learning on a day to day basis in school. Cara is intentional with her words and displays our school values and virtues. Her work is presented beautifully and is always proud of the work she completes.

Year Six: Sebastian Griffiths for having an outstanding attitude to learning at all

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times. He listens attentively, puts in 100% effort and as a result, is making excellent progress in all areas of the curriculum.

Caught being KiVa



James McMahon, Year Five, always looks out for his peers and makes sure they are happy. One example among many is, after our weekly PE lessons, taking it upon himself (with the bare minimum of fuss) to teach another individual in the class how to tie their tie. He did not do this for the kudos or the praises (although he has it now) but merely because it is the right thing to do. That is what 'caught being KiVa' is all about: doing the *right* thing because it is the *right* thing to do.

Lenten Charities

As you are aware, we are focusing on the Corporal Works of Mercy and how these can help us to live out our Christian vocation. Year Six have made the decision to support Mind: their Work of Mercy is to 'visit the imprisoned' and they have made an interesting parallel with those who are imprisoned within their own negative thoughts. I know Declan and his family are also walking 100 miles in the month of March (about 5k per day) to raise money for Mind also, and it is fitting that the class have chosen to collectively support this endeavour out of solidarity.

Year One's focus is 'Give drink to the thirsty' and they are supporting Water Aid; Year Five are pledging to support our local foodbank ('Feed the hungry') and Year Two

are supporting St Chad's Sanctuary ('Clothe the naked').

St Patrick's Day

Children are invited to wear Green next Thursday to celebrate St Patrick's Day and bring a donation – no matter how big or small – for their class Lenten charity.

The following week (Friday 25th), children can bring in and play a board game during the time before Friday's celebration assembly. Again, a donation for Lenten charities is asked for. Our Father Hudson's 'Good Shepherd' Appeal is still running in the background; return those envelopes when you are ready (or when they are full, whichever is soonest).

Science Week

My thank to Miss Newman and her eager Year Six class who are delivering sessions for our Science Week next week: practical experiments will be taking place throughout the week, supporting our Science curriculum.

Parent Consultations

Next week, of course, is also our Parent Consultation week. Appointments have been made via our app: if you have any issues, please contact the school office and speak to either Mrs Corrigan, Miss Kazadi or Mrs Friel. I am available on either day to meet with parents: I am happy for appointments to be made or just see me on the door.

Reading

Some more good news. The reading group Mrs Fayaz takes in the library on a weekly basis, is a HUGE success with a large number of girls and boys really enjoying participating. In Year Five, Annie Stephenson won this week's group reader and she was very proud of it!

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March dates for your diary

Mon 14th March: Parent Consultations
3:40 – 6:20

Wed 16th March: Parent Consultations
3:40 – 6:20

Fri 18th March: Year Six Confirmation
workshop at 2pm and Confirmation with
Bishop David at 7pm

Wed 23rd March: Year Five trip to Black
Country Museum

Thurs 24th March: A *Midsummer Night's
Dream* theatre production (in school)

Fri 25th March: Year Two Class Assembly
9am

Mon 28th March: Year Six @ Boreatton
Park (Five day residential)

April dates for your diary

Fri 1st April: Year Five Class Mass 2:30pm

Mon 4th April: Reconciliation for KS2

Wed 6th April: Piano and choir concert
2pm

Wed 6th April: Reception Class trip to the
farm – Details to follow

Mon 11th April: Year Three Holy Week
Assembly

Tues 12th April: Year Four Holy Week
Assembly

Wed 13th April: Year Five Holy Week
Assembly

Thurs 14th April: Year Six Holy Week
Assembly

May dates for your diary

Tues 3rd May: School re-opens after Easter

Tues 3rd May: First Communion parents
meeting 6pm

Thurs 5th May: School closed for local
elections

Sat 7th May: First Holy Communion (10am
and 11:30am)

Fri 20th May: Year One class assembly 9am

Thurs 26th May: Whole School Mass 9:30
(The Ascension)

Fri 27th May: Procession 2pm

June dates for your diary

Fri 17th June: Reception Class Mass 2:30pm

Fri 24th June: Reception class assembly
9am

Sun 26th June: Year Three Going Forth
Mass 10am (followed by Communion
breakfast)

Wed 29th June: Whole School Mass Ss
Peter and Paul 9:30am

Birthdays this week...

Happy birthday to John, Year Three, who
was eight on Monday. Emily, Year Two,
was seven on Tuesday. Lily in Year Three
was eight on Wednesday. Lucas, Year Six,
was eleven yesterday and Logan, Year
Four, is nine tomorrow! Happy birthday
one and all.

Have a safe and relaxing weekend and I
shall see you all on Monday morning.



Mr Clinton