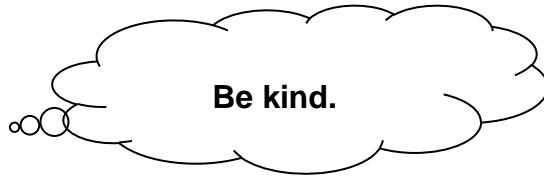




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27<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,



**Thought of the Week**

This week we have been learning about Lent. This is a time when we seek to renew our friendship with God and with each other. Each day, the children will spend time raising their minds and hearts to God in prayer. In addition, the children will be busy raising money for our chosen charities and carrying out kind deeds over the Lenten period.



**Music Curriculum**

As a school, we are constantly developing and improving our practice. Last term, we reviewed our music curriculum. As you know, all of our Year 3 pupils learn to play the recorder. I would like to thank you for supporting your child with their recorder homework. I am sure you all appreciate and thoroughly enjoy listening to your child practising their recorder skills. All pupils in years 4, 5 and 6 learn to play the violin. After consulting with the children, we have recently purchased new instruments for Key Stage 1. In years 1 and 2, the pupils will be learning how to play the glockenspiel. I must say, so far, I have been impressed with their enthusiasm and love for this percussion instrument.

**Book Day**

To promote our love for reading, we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. The children may dress up as their favourite book character and there will be a special assembly starting at 9.00a.m. All parents and carers are welcome to attend our assembly.



**Maths Champions**

This week, our Times Tables Rock Stars Champions are:



| <b>Year</b> | <b>Pupil</b> |
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| 1           | Aaron        |
| 2           | Robyn        |
| 3           | Jacob        |
| 4           | Blake        |
| 5           | Ioana        |
| 6           | Danny        |



**St Patrick's Day – Non Uniform Day**

On Tuesday 17th March, there will be a non-uniform day to celebrate St Patrick's Day. He is the Patron Saint of Ireland. The children may wear green, white or yellow on this day. We are asking for a voluntary contribution towards our Mother's Day Gift Shop. All donations of toiletries, make up, gift sets, chocolates and jewellery would be greatly appreciated.



## **Mother's Day Class Assembly**

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March, all mothers/carers are welcome to join our Mother's Day assemblies. Key Stage 2 assemblies start at 9.00a.m., Key Stage 1 assemblies start at 9.30a.m. and Foundation Stage assemblies start at 10.00a.m. If you have more than one child in Key Stage 2, please go to your youngest child's class first. Once your child has said their part, you may then go to your eldest child's class. Mother's day is a special day for the children to say thank you for having such wonderful mothers/carers.



## **Important Notices**

### **1. Nursery Admissions**

The paragraph below is very important for all parents with pre-school children. You will need to apply for a Nursery place if your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017

You will need to complete the **School's Supplementary Form** and **Certificate of Catholic Practice**. Please note, you do not need to apply online.

A **Supplementary Information Form** is obtainable from the school office. Your priest will also need to complete a **Certificate of Catholic Practice** which is obtainable from your church. All forms must be completed and returned to the school office before admission can be considered.

Therefore, in order to apply for a nursery place, we must receive:

- Supplementary Information Form
- Certificate of Catholic Practice (if applicable)
- Baptism Certificate (if applicable)

### **2. Medicines in Schools.**

If your child has an asthma pump or has an epi-pen, please come into school and check that your child's medicines are correct and in date. Thank you.

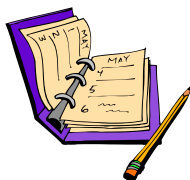


### **Attendance Award**

This week, the best attendance award goes to Foundation 1 with 100%. Well done Foundation 1!

**Have a great week.**

**Linda Payne**  
**Headteacher**



| <b>March</b>  |  |
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| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March<br>World Book Day – Book Character Non Uniform day | World Book Day – Book Character Non Uniform day. <b>All parents are welcome to attend the World Book Day Assembly.</b> This is a non-uniform day. Children may dress up as their favourite book character. |
| Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March  | Parents' Forum   |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March  | St Patrick's Non-Uniform Day (Children may wear green or white).   |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March   | St Joseph's Day Mass – <b>date to be confirmed.</b>  |

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| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March | Mother's day Class Assembly starts at 9.00a.m. All F1 – F2 mothers/carers welcome to attend. |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March | Last swimming for Year 3 and Year 5  |
| Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March | Lenten Cake Competition (all children may enter by baking a cake).<br>Cake sale.             |

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| <b>April</b>                        |  |
| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April      | Lenten Toy Sale (please donate old toys).  |
| <b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>  | Easter Bonnet Parade (F1 – Y6 classes) (F1-Y6) All parents welcome to attend the Easter Bonnet Parade. Children to make the bonnets at home and bring them into school. All children may participate in this event.<br><b>End of term. School closes at 1.30p.m.</b> |
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> April        | Easter School for Year 6   |
| Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> April       | Easter School for Year 6   |
| <b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April</b> | <b>Start of Term</b>   |
| Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April     | St George's Non-Uniform Day (Children may wear red, white or blue).  |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> April       | Swimming starts for Year 3 and Year 6  |

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| <b>May</b>  |   |
| Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May                          | Parents' Forum  |
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May                          | Bank Holiday. School closed.  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> May              | KS1 SATs- Year 2  |
| <b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> May</b> | <b>KS2 SATs – Year 6 Tests (free breakfast club for Year 6 pupils all week, starting at 8.00a.m.)</b> |
| <b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>                   | <b>KS 2 Spelling, punctuation and Grammar Paper 1 &amp; 2 tests</b>                                   |
| <b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>                  | <b>KS2 Reading Test</b>   |
| <b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>                | <b>KS2 Maths Paper 1 &amp; 2 Test</b>   |
| <b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>                 | <b>KS2 Maths Paper 3 Test</b>   |
| Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May                         | Walk to School Week   |
| Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May                        | KS1 Sports Day at 9.30a.m. KS1 parents may attend.  |
| Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May                        | KS2 Sports Day at 1.15p.m. KS2 parents may attend.  |
| Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May                       | Year 5 Secondary School Transfer Meeting at 2.30p.m. (All Year 5 parents are welcome to attend)       |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May                         | <b>End of term. School closes at 3.15p.m.</b>   |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> May – 1 <sup>st</sup> June         | <b>Half Term Holiday – School Closed</b>  |

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| <b>June</b>   |  |
| <b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>                         | <b>Inset Day – school closed.</b>  |
| <b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>                        | <b>Start of Term</b>   |
| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June                            | KS1 Reserve Sports Day at 9.30p.m. KS1 parents may attend.   |
| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June                            | KS2 Reserve Sports Day at 1.15p.m. KS2 parents may attend.   |
| Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June                               | Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.   |
| Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June                               | Year 1 Phonic tests commence<br>Year 4 Multiplication tests commence   |
| Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June – 19 <sup>th</sup> June    | Year 5 Overnight trip to Phasels Wood (New date)   |
| <b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – 26<sup>th</sup> June</b> | <b>Year 6 School Journey (New date)</b>  |
| Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June                           | F1 new pupils visits 1.30p.m.  |
| Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June                            | Phonic meeting for F2 parents- Getting ready for Year 1 at 2.00p.m   |
| Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June                              | <b>St Peter &amp; St Paul's Mass in school at 11.00a.m. (F1 – Y6) All parents are welcome to attend the Mass</b> |

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| <b>July</b>                       |  |
| Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July    | F1 visits and new parents meeting 1.30p.m.                                 |
| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July     | Foundation Stage Sports Day at 9.30a.m. F1 & F2 parents welcome to attend. |
| Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July       | Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.   |
| <b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b> | <b>Final Year 3 swim – double session</b>                                  |

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| Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July       | Reserve date: Foundation Stage Sports Day at 9.30a.m. F1 & F2 parents welcome to attend.   |
| Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July       | Year 2 to Year 3 Transition Meeting at 2.30p.m. (All Year 2 parents are welcome to attend)   |
| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July        | Secondary School Transition day<br>New to F2 Parents' Meeting at 9.15a.m. (Current F1 parents to attend).                            |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July         | Year 6 Leavers' Mass<br>Whole School Picnic starting at 12.30p.m. (weather permitting)   |
| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July         | FS & KS1 Teddy Bear Picnic (Please bring a Teddy Bear)   |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July         | Final Year 6 swim – double session   |
| Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July        | KS2 Dress Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m. KS2 parents and toddlers are welcome to attend.   |
| Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July        | Year 6 Barbecue at 1.30p.m.- 3.00pm. Year 6 parents welcome to attend.<br>Parents to bring party food please.                        |
| Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July      | KS2 Play at 6.00p.m KS2 parents are welcome to attend.   |
| <b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July</b> | Leavers' Assembly at 9.00 a.m. (F1 – Y6) All parents are welcome to attend the Mass<br><b>End of term. School closes at 1.30p.m.</b> |