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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thought of the Week

**Spread the Good
News.**

This week, the children have been learning to follow the teachings of Christ and be true Disciples of Christ. The children have been trying extra hard to show Christ how much they love him by being kind and helpful to their friends and by working very hard for all their teachers.

Goodbye

It saddens me to write this but Mrs Collins will be leaving us for pastures new.

After Easter, Mrs Collins is relocating to South London due to her husband's job. I would like to thank Mrs Collins for her hard work. Her dedication and commitment to supporting children with their learning is commendable. Mrs Collins has been a fantastic teacher and she will be greatly missed by us all.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Miss Hadley to our team. Miss Hadley is a highly effective teacher from St Louis Catholic Primary School, which is an outstanding school.

Mrs McGrath will be leaving us at the beginning of March as she is starting her own business. Mrs McGrath has been working at St Joseph's for over fifteen years. She is a fantastic Teaching Assistant and she will be dearly missed by us all.

In addition, Mrs Burford will be leaving us at Easter to have her baby. Mrs Welsh, who is a teacher at our school, will be covering the class. Mrs Smithson, who is our trainee teacher, will be completing her final placement in Year 1 over the summer term. We wish Mrs Burford the best of luck and also hope she doesn't have too many sleepless nights!

Key Stage 2 2019 Achievements

On Wednesday, I received a letter from Nick Gibb (who runs the Department for Education) stating he was delighted with our Key Stage 2 performance. I have attached a copy of the letter with this newsletter. I am delighted to inform you that our school's performance is in the top 3% of schools in the country. I would like to say a big thank you to the Year 6 team: Miss Winterman, Mrs Carter, Mrs McGrath, Mrs Bright, Mrs Wright, Mrs Lines and to all of the other staff who have supported the children on their learning journey. I would also like to thank the parents for supporting their children's learning too. I don't often get a chance to say this but it is a pleasure to work with such wonderful staff, children, parents and governors.

Thank you again to the staff, pupils and parents for helping us to achieve these great results.

Headteacher's Challenge



This term, we are focusing on improving our mathematics knowledge, fluency and reasoning skills. As a result, I have set all pupils a mathematical challenge. Years 1 to 6 may complete the challenge via the Times Table Rock Stars App. The children will receive an Olympic band, if they meet the challenge and become a 'Rock Hero'. Over the next half term, I would like the pupils to learn their times tables or learn addition/subtraction facts. The table below shows the challenges that have been set for each class:

Year Group	Task
Foundation 1	Counting, recognising and ordering numbers to 10
Foundation 2	Counting, recognising and ordering numbers to 20
Year 1	Adding numbers up to 20. e.g. $15 + 5 = 20$ $20 - 5 = 15$
Year 2	1, 2, 3, 5 and 10 times table & inverse facts
Year 3	1, 2,3,4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10 times table & inverse facts
Year 4	1, 2,3,4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 times table & inverse facts
Year 5	1, 2,3,4,5,6,7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 times table& inverse facts Recognise square and cubed numbers
Year 6	1, 2,3,4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 ,14, 15 times table and & inverse facts. Recognise square up to 20^2 , cubed up to 20^3 prime factors, prime numbers and common multiples.



Our Times Tables Rock Stars Champions are:

Year	Pupil
1	Bruno
2	Isabella Mc
3	Sophia
4	Lola-Rose
5	Samuel
6	Danny

School Council



The school council have been busy selecting and ordering the new playground equipment. They would now like a bike and scooter shed. Over the next few months, the school council will be leading lots of fund raising activities. Currently, they are selling loom band bracelets at playtimes and lunchtimes.



Sports News

Last week, Year 3 and Year 4 participated in an athletics competition. Year 4 won and are through to the Sports Partnership finals and Year 3 came second. Well done to both teams.

St David's Day



On Friday 28th February, there will be a non-uniform day to celebrate St David's Day, the Patron Saint of Wales. The children may wear green, white or red on this day. We are asking for a voluntary £1.00 contribution towards our school fund.

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. We would be grateful for a £1.00 voluntary contribution to help towards our bike shed appeal.

Action Figures Wanted

Our nursery class are in need of a fresh supply of small world toys and action figures for the children to play with. If you have any dolls, animals, Power Rangers, Star Wars, Knights, Playmobile etc. at home which you no longer need, please consider donating them to the school. Many thanks.

Nut Allergies!

May I just remind you all that nuts are not allowed in school because we have a few children with nut allergies. This is a life threatening condition so please ensure your child's lunch or break time snack does not contain nuts or nut products e.g. peanut butter, nutella spread, nutella bars and cereal bars. Thank you.

Healthy Lunches

Thank you to all the parents who have made a great effort in providing their child with a healthy lunch. May I just remind you all, that **sweets, crisps** and **fizzy drinks** are not allowed at school. However, the children may have a small treat in their lunch box, such as a biscuit or a small chocolate bar. Fruit, water and juice, are also allowed at playtime.

Important Notices

1. Children that read daily at home become great readers. All children are expected to read daily at home. Please ensure you sign or initial the reading record after you have heard your child read. Thank you.
2. Please ensure your child wears a coat to school as it is very cold outside.
3. Boots may be worn to school but pupils must wear shoes in school. Thank you.
4. We have a number of children coming into school very early in the morning without a parent/carer being present. Gates open at 8.40a.m. Therefore, please do not send your children any earlier unless they are attending our breakfast club. Thank you.

Attendance Award

Year 3 have won the best attendance award! Well done Year 3! Keep up the good work.

Have a great week

**Linda Payne
Headteacher**

Diary Dates

February	
Monday 10 th February	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 11 th February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 12 th February	Parents' Evening
Friday 14th February	End of term. School closes at 3.15p.m.
17th 21st February	Half Term holiday – School Closed
Monday 24th February	Start of Term
Wednesday 26 th February	To be confirmed. Ash Wednesday Mass starts at 9.15a.m. (F1 – Y6) All parents are welcome to attend the Mass
Friday 28 th February	St David's Non-Uniform Day (Children may wear green, red, white or

	yellow). Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.
March	
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day – Book Character Non Uniform day. All parents are welcome to attend the World Book Day Assembly. This is a non-uniform day. Children may dress up as their favourite book character.
Friday 6th March	Parents' Forum
Tuesday 17th March	St Patrick's Non-Uniform Day (Children may wear green or white).
Thursday 19th March	St Joseph's Day Mass – date to be confirmed.
Friday 20th March	Mother's day Class Assembly starts at 9.00a.m. All F1 – F2 mothers/carers welcome to attend.
Friday 27th March	Last swimming for Year 3 and Year 5
Monday 30th March	Lenten Cake Competition (all children may enter by baking a cake). Cake sale.

April	
Thursday 2nd April	Lenten Toy Sale (please donate old toys).
Friday 3rd April	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. End of term. School closes at 1.30p.m.
Monday 6th April	Easter School for Year 6
Tuesday 7th April	Easter School for Year 6
Monday 20th April	Start of Term
Thursday 23rd April	St George's Non-Uniform Day (Children may wear red, white or blue).
Friday 24th April	Swimming starts for Year 3 and Year 6

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

June	
Monday 1st June	Inset Day – school closed.
Tuesday 2nd June	Start of Term
Wednesday 3rd June	KS1 Reserve Sports Day at 9.30p.m. KS1 parents may attend.
Wednesday 3rd June	KS2 Reserve Sports Day at 1.15p.m. KS2 parents may attend.
Friday 5th June	Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.
Monday 8th June	Year 1 Phonic tests commence Year 4 Multiplication tests commence
Thursday 18th June – 19th June	Year 5 Overnight trip to Phasels Wood (New date)
Monday 22nd June – 26th June	Year 6 School Journey (New date)
Wednesday 24th June	F1 new pupils visits 1.30p.m.
Thursday 25th June	Phonic meeting for F2 parents- Getting ready for Year 1 at 2.00p.m

Friday 26 th June	St Peter & St Paul's Mass in school at 11.00a.m. (F1 – Y6) All parents are welcome to attend the Mass
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July	
Wednesday 1 st July	F1 visits and new parents meeting 1.30p.m.
Thursday 2 nd July	Foundation Stage Sports Day at 9.30a.m. F1 & F2 parents welcome to attend.
Friday 3 rd July	Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.
Friday 3rd July	Final Year 3 swim – double session
Wednesday 8 th July	Reserve date: Foundation Stage Sports Day at 9.30a.m. F1 & F2 parents welcome to attend.
Wednesday 8 th July	Year 2 to Year 3 Transition Meeting at 2.30p.m. (All Year 2 parents are welcome to attend)
Thursday 9 th July	Secondary School Transition day New to F2 Parents' Meeting at 9.15a.m. (Current F1 parents to attend).
Friday 10 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Mass Whole School Picnic starting at 12.30p.m. (weather permitting)
Monday 13 th July	FS & KS1 Teddy Bear Picnic (Please bring a Teddy Bear)
Friday 10th July	Final Year 6 swim – double session
Tuesday 14 th July	KS2 Dress Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m. KS2 parents and toddlers are welcome to attend.
Tuesday 14 th July	Year 6 Barbecue at 1.30p.m.- 3.00pm. Year 6 parents welcome to attend. Parents to bring party food please.
Wednesday 15 th July	KS2 Play at 6.00p.m KS2 parents are welcome to attend.
Thursday 16th July	Leavers' Assembly at 9.00 a.m. (F1 – Y6) All parents are welcome to attend the Mass End of term. School closes at 1.30p.m.