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Dear Parents/Carers,

**Lord, it is good to
be here.**

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 have been very busy raising money for the Louis Hines Paralympic Journey Appeal and for the Catholic Children's Society.



St Patrick's Day – Non Uniform Day

On Friday 16th 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 £1 voluntary donation. All money raised will go towards our Lenten appeal. Thank you.

Key Stage 2 2017 Achievements

You may remember in last month's newsletter, I wrote about our fantastic Key Stage 2 progress results. On Wednesday, I received a letter from Nick Gibb (who runs the Department for Education) stating he is also delighted with our results. I have attached a copy of the letter with this newsletter. Thank you again to the staff, pupils and parents for helping us to achieve these great results.

Important Notices

Medicines in Schools.

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

School Meal Price Increase

We have been informed by Hertfordshire Catering that the price of school meals will rise by 10p from April 2018. From Monday 16th April 2018, school meals will cost £2.50 per day. Children in F2, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to receive Universal Free School Meals as normal.

Cake Competition

- Please do not forget to enter our cake competition which is on Monday 26th March. A prize will be awarded to each class for the best cake. If you would like to buy back your cake, please write this clearly on the cake container. All cakes will be on sale during playtime and the children may bring in some money to buy the cakes.



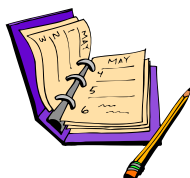
Attendance Award

This week, Year 3 have won the best attendance award. Well done Year 3!



Have a great week.

**Linda Payne
Headteacher**



March	
Friday 16 th March	St Patrick's Non-Uniform Day (F1 – Y6 classes) No assembly today.
Monday 19 th March	St Joseph's Day Mass – date to be confirmed. (F2 – Y6 classes). All parents are welcome to attend.
Monday 26 th March	Lenten Cake Competition (F1 – Y6 classes)
Wednesday 28 th March	Lenten Toy Sale (F1 – Y6 classes)
Thursday 29th March	Easter Bonnet Parade (F1 – Y6 classes) All parents welcome to attend the Easter Bonnet Parade. Children make bonnets at home and must bring them into school today. All children may participate in this event. End of term. School closes at 1.30p.m.

April	
Tuesday 3 rd April	Easter School for Year 6
Wednesday 4 th April	Easter School for Year 6
Monday 16th April	Start of Term
Monday 23 rd April	St George's Non-Uniform Day (F1 – Y6 classes)
Friday 27 th April	Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.

May	
Monday 7th May	May Day. School closed.
Tuesday 8 th – 25 th May	KS1 SATs- Year 2
Monday 14th – 17th May	KS2 SATs – Year 6 Tests
Friday 18 th May	Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.
Monday 21st -25th May	Walk to School Week
Monday 21 st May	KS1 Sports Day at 1.30p.m. KS1 parents are welcome to attend.
Tuesday 22 nd May	KS2 Sports Day at 1.30p.m. KS2 parents are welcome to attend.
Friday 25 th May	End of term. School closes at 3.15p.m.

June	
Monday 4th June	Inset Day – school closed.
Tuesday 5th June	Start of Term
Wednesday 6 th June	KS1 Reserve Sports Day at 1.30p.m. KS1 parents are welcome to attend.
Thursday 7 th June	KS2 Reserve Sports Day at 1.30p.m. KS2 parents are welcome to attend.
Friday 8 th June	Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.
Monday 11 th June	Year 1 Phonic tests commence
Thursday 21 st June	Phonic meeting for F2 parents - Getting ready for Year 1
Wednesday 27 th June	F1 new pupils visits
Friday 29 th June	St Peter & St Paul's Mass in school at 9.15a.m. (F2 – Y6 classes). All parents are welcome to attend.

July	
Monday 2 nd – Friday 6 th July	Year 6 School Journey
Thursday 5 th July	F1 new parents meeting
Tuesday 10 th & Wednesday 11 th July	Year 5 Overnight Trip to Phasel Wood (new date)
Wednesday 11 th July	Foundation Stage Sports Day at 9.30a.m. FS parents are welcome to attend.
Thursday 12 th July	Secondary School Transition day New F2 Parents' Meeting at 9.15a.m.

Friday 13 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Mass (F1 – Y6 classes) Whole School Picnic starting at 12.30p.m. (F1 – Y6) All parents are welcome to attend the Mass and picnic.
Monday 16 th July	KS2 Dress Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m. KS2 parents and toddlers are welcome to attend.
Tuesday 17 th July	KS2 Play at 6.00p.m KS2 parents are welcome to attend.
Wednesday 18 th July	Year 6 Barbecue at 1.30p.m. - 3.00pm. Foundation Stage Reserve Sports Day at 9.30a.m. FS parents are welcome to attend.
Thursday 19 th July	FS & KS1 Teddy Bear Picnic (Please bring a Teddy Bear) (F1 – Y2 classes)
Friday 20th July	Leavers' Assembly at 9.00 a.m. All parents are welcome to attend. End of term. School closes at 1.30p.m.