



10th February 2012

Dear Parents,

Another half term completed!

I was very grateful that the snow came over a weekend and did not require a decision to shut the school. The play grounds are still snow covered and not suitable to play on but at least we are all in school.

Thank you to Mr Denson who has kept us frost free and warm.

This has been another busy half term with lots going on; lots of sporting success and lots of visitors looking around the school. We have welcomed 7 new children since 3rd January; they are already settled in and very much part of the school family.

Next half term is action packed and has lots of Lenten based activities planned.

During Lent we ask the school family to focus upon those in the world who are less fortunate than ourselves and take this as a special opportunity for prayer and quiet time.

The Prep classes take turns to run Lenten activities for one week each during the Season of Lent, to raise money for our chosen charities. This involves running a little stall with a raffle or game or selling cakes. ***(Please be aware that we have children with nut and food colouring allergies).*** All these activities should be charged at about 20/25pence.

Children from all classes can then take part if they want to and also if you are happy for them to bring in a small amount of money to do so.

Every Friday during Lent instead of stalls the children spend a little time reflecting on Jesus' journey to the cross.

Our main charity this year is "Walking with the Wounded".

Just a reminder on some diary dates until the end of February;

- 20th February School re-opens with PSHCE week.
- 21st February Miss Simpson will be back in school. Pancake races at lunchtime.
- 22nd February Class Photos.
- 22nd February Ash Wednesday Mass 2pm St Teresa's (weather permitting). All welcome.
- 24th February Early Years and Pre Prep Lenten Toy Sale (clean toys in good condition greatly appreciated to be sent in to school on 23rd/24th February).
- 24th February PTA Disco.
- 27th February P6 Lenten Fund raising.
- 27th February Early Years Parents Workshop.
- 28th February P4 Assembly at 3pm in school hall. All welcome.
- 28th February Nurse Drop-In 3-4pm.
- 29th February Junior Netball Tournament.

**Almighty and Everlasting God,
You have given the human race
Jesus Christ our Savior as a model of humility.
He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man
And giving His life on the Cross.
Help us to bear witness to You
By following His example of suffering
And make us worthy to share in His Resurrection.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son.
Amen.**

Yours sincerely,

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