



Dear parents: Started this Newsletter on Thursday before the awful events in Christchurch yesterday.

Kia Kaha 'stay strong' in Maori. written earlier this week Today is the famous Ides of March so beloved of Julius Caesar and our own PM. Year 1 assembly this week was all about British values rule of law, respect, tolerance and democracy and a Kind Giant. We need to teach these values from an early age in 2019. Anyway what a weekend climax of the Six Nations rugby with all to play for, start of FI season in Australia, FA Cup quarters and today the Cheltenham Gold Cup ...oh and Sunday St Patrick's Day so quite a weekend. Sentimentally going for Clan des Obeaux in the Gold Cup, Sir Alex Ferguson's horse. Green white and gold day in school and pictures of the day to follow. Have a great weekend and Slainte !!! ...amazing start to the day see special newsletter!

School news ... this week

Monday Assembly 10.15am Jesus in the Desert

Wednesday ... great Year 1 assembly with Ms Woodhouse and her class.

Friday ... Nursery ... yes Nursery @ LSO we start a love of music early @ OLSJ.

Scooter safety training Y1 and Y2.

School news ... next week

Monday Assembly 10.15am St Patrick and St Joseph

Wednesday ... Reception first assembly of the year with Ms Sharpe and her class.

Governors and Buildings Fund 2019

A really really good start to March. Total = £4,030 from 117 families out of 160 families. Up £40 in a week and 1 new family paid. 73% responded so far. This money pays for the upkeep of the school, new doors, new drains, insurance etc .

Week Beginning 04/03/2019	Attendance	Late
Nursery	94.52%	0.00%
Reception	98.00%	0.33%
Year 1	98.67%	1.33%
Year 2	97.00%	1.67%
Year 3	98.67%	1.67%
Year 4	95.17%	1.38%
Year 5	97.31%	1.92%
Year 6	98.15%	0.00%

Secondary transfer 2019

I missed out last week in my haste on one school that one of our girls got into and a major success too.

One Year 6 pupil got into St Michael's Catholic Grammar School in Finchley which is an academically highly selective school and really competitive. Delighted to point out my omission and many congratulations on such an honour.



and finally ... a close friend of mine worked all over the world and recently moved back to his native Christchurch because it was so clean, peaceful and safe. Sent me pics and it looks stunning. RIP to our Muslim brothers and sisters. When nationalist and religious hatreds are stirred up fuelled by the internet and social media anything can happen so much hatred out there just now. Tim Berners-Lee British inventor of the internet was speaking about this on the net's 30th anniversary this year. My childhood and into my 30s there was no internet. Now many young children go to bed at night not with a teddy bear, a doll or a book but with an iPad and a Smartphone. Progress ?? ..not in my eyes. Life goes on and just off to our celebration of St Patrick's Day amazing yesterday Bryony Frost becoming the first woman to ride a winner at Cheltenham and then the blind since birth owner Adam Gemmell winning with Paisley Park . "Lá fhéile Pádraig sona dhuit!"