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January Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

Staffing:

We are sorry to be saying goodbye to Miss McNally at the end of this half term as she has made a great contribution to school however we are pleased to be welcoming back Mrs Morris as she returns from maternity leave and takes over her role as Year 5 teacher. Can I take this opportunity to thank Miss McNally for her dedicated approach to teaching Year 5 and wish her every luck for the future.

Homework reminder:

Can I remind parents that we have introduced a homework club at lunchtime to support pupils in returning their homework on time. If they are having difficulty, children have time to attend homework club and get some help from a teacher. However, some pupils are persistently not returning their homework on time, these children will be asked to attend homework club on the days that homework is given to help them to keep up with the work load and give them the support that they need. We appreciate your support with this matter.

Safeguarding:

Tuesday February 5th was Internet Safety Day and all pupils took part in activities linked to raising awareness of how to keep safe on the internet. Technology, gaming and social media can all have positive impacts on our lives but it is also very important to be aware of the potential dangers that all also posed.

Unfortunately there was no response to the invitation to a parent's session linked to Internet Safety, I am hoping to organise an after school session which I hope will be more helpful for working parents and allow more of you to attend. I will inform you of the date as soon as we have something in the diary.

Funding for Schools:

As some of you will already be aware from information on the news, schools across the country are facing a potential funding crisis as budgets for education are tight. Head Teachers across the country are working together to try to lobby the Government to put forward our views.

RE Diocesan Inspection:

We have recently had a Diocesan Inspection linked to RE, Collective Worship and Catholic Life. Can I thank parents for returning their questionnaires, the responses were very positive and we will be looking carefully at the suggestions for improvements. Information regarding the questionnaires responses can be found on our website. The report for the inspection will be published in approximately two weeks and will then be available on our school website.



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Pupil Reports and Parent's Evening:

Mid-Year Pupil Reports will be sent home on Friday 8th February, giving an outline of how your child is progressing through the year and also identifying any areas where you can support your child at home.

Parent's Evening is an invaluable opportunity to find out about your child's progress and also areas where you can support them at home. If you have not yet made an appointment for next week's Parent's Evenings can you please contact the office.

Attendance:

Mrs Howell is currently reviewing the attendance data for every pupil in school. We operate a traffic light system where green indicates 100 – 95%, amber is 94% - 90% and red is below 90%. Parents of children falling into the amber or red category for attendance will be receiving a letter and some parents will be invited to attend an attendance meeting. If you do not receive a letter that is because your child is in the green and has a minimum attendance of 95% - well done!

Forthcoming Events:

Week commencing 11th February: Parent's Evening (please ensure that you have made an appointment)

Friday 15th February: Staff Training Day (children not to attend school)

Friday 15th February – Monday 25th February: Half Term holiday (children to return to school on Monday 25th)

Monday 25th February – Friday 8th February: Fair Trade Fortnight (we will be organising a coffee morning for parents and parishioners during this time – date to follow)

Thursday 7th March: World Book Day (children will be able to dress up as their favourite book character)

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Young
Headteacher