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Dear Parents,

Only one more week until half term. Parents, pupils and staff - we can do it. Still getting lots of positive feedback from staff about children working hard at home and in school. Lots of reasons to celebrate in our weekly celebration newsletter.

Feast of St. John Bosco

This week we celebrated the feast of St John Bosco in a key stage collective worship. We explored how he helped poor children and thought about how we could show both love and kindness in our lives, just as he did. Our mission statement is: *"It is not enough to love children, they must know that they are loved"* the words John Bosco spoke. It is clear from the children's responses that our children are much loved and that they know how to show this love to others.

It was great to see so many children's faces at once. Mrs Murphy and I hope to do this more often.

Children's Mental Health Week

This week has also been Children's Mental Health Week. The children have been part of some short sessions that explore their feelings. Teachers have reported how successful these have been and how nice it was to hear children open up and give such honest reflections. Please don't forget today is our well-being Friday and there will be a session on eSchools for your child to take part in.

Safer internet day

Next Tuesday is safer internet day which is such an opportunity with our current circumstances. We find ourselves and our children are spending lots of time on the internet at present. I mean what would we have done without it but equally it comes with its dangers. As you have seen from Ms Dimech's letter we have been awarded a virtual assembly to mark the event which will be great for the whole community to get involved with. In addition, please take some time on Tuesday to discuss the dangers of the internet with your child and/or spend some time gaming with them so you can get a better understanding of what they are up to online. Let's make the most of safer internet day together.

Children's absences

We are required to monitor attendance and keep a daily register. Therefore, it is essential that if your child is poorly or unable to attend online sessions for some reason that you report this via the MyEd app as you would a normal absence, otherwise, we will have to ring parents to check in.

For those families using the manual learning, we also need you to keep us informed in the same way because non-engagement could be seen as a safeguarding issue.

Friday 12th February

A reminder that school will be open next Friday, 12th February, as the INSET day has been postponed. If your child is currently attending school and requires a lunch on that day, please order on Tucasi as normal. School will finish at 1.00pm.

In other good news, our support to the Bee-lieve charity has yet again been recognised and the trustees would like to offer St Anne's one free training place to undertake 'Drawing & Talking' therapy. This would normally cost £600. Hopefully, a member of staff will be trained before the Easter holidays and then we will be able to offer 'Drawing & Talking' therapy to those children who need it.

Take care and God bless.



Mrs L M Harris
Head Teacher



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