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of all that we do

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

The New Year is well under way now; it is hard to believe it is already February. Here is an update on recent news and also some forthcoming dates for your diaries.

DIOCESAN SCHOOL BUILDING FUND - Thank you to all those families who continue to contribute to this voluntary scheme. These funds go towards building maintenance costs and building projects.

LANGFORD DRIVE – Unfortunately we continue to receive a number of complaints from our neighbours. These are mainly regarding parking but we have also received complaints about children going onto residents’ driveways. Some of these children are on scooters and residents are concerned that their cars will be damaged. Please ensure your children respect our local neighbours’ property, do not allow them to ride their scooters or run into their gardens or onto their driveways.

PARENT CONSULTATION MEETING -We look forward to seeing you at the Parents’ Consultation Meetings on Tuesday 11th February (4pm to 6pm) and Thursday 13th February (6pm - 8pm). These meetings give you the opportunity to discuss your child’s progress with their Class Teacher. During these consultations we ask you to complete our annual parental questionnaire, please take the time to complete the survey as it helps us identify areas for development. We look forward to seeing you. The Church car park and gates are open during the Parent Consultation Meeting.

FRIENDS OF SACRED HEART - I would like to thank the 'Friends of Sacred Heart' for all their hard work fundraising to pay for the new play equipment in KS2, it is very much appreciated. Due to school budget cuts there is no way we could have bought the equipment without their generous donation. Thank you to all our parents who have supported the events the friends have organised.

FAMILY LEARNING - We would like to thank all those parents who attended the Impact in Learning Sessions for Year 1, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6. These sessions are held so that parents can find out exactly how their child is learning in class and how they can support their child’s learning.

NSPCC - Thank you to all of you who supported the Wear Something Green Day. We raised a total of £305 for the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

SCHOOL CHOIR - In December members of our School Choir welcomed passengers arriving at Luton Airport with a medley of Christmas carols. Many members of Airport staff, as well as passengers and other visitors expressed delight that a place “like an airport” was so festive and they felt really cheered by the atmosphere created both visually and musically. The children raised £215.97 for Mcmillan Cancer Support.

TIMESTABLES - We have subscribed to an online programme to help children from Year 2 to Year 6 improve their multiplication skills. This programme not only provides teachers with information regarding your child’s times table knowledge but also records how many seconds taken to answer each calculation. Thereby helping to improve accuracy and speed. The website address is <https://www.10ticks.com> your child should have their log in details.

SAM LEARNING - This is an online programme to support children’s learning particularly in Year 6 and Year 2. To access the service at www.samlearning.com, learners need three details:

Centre ID:	LU2SH2
User ID:	Date of birth followed by two initials; first name then last name. Example: 010896DJ is the User ID for David Jones born 1 st Aug 1996.
Password:	same as User ID

ONLINE SAFETY - Tuesday 11th February is Internet Safety Day and the children will be participating in a number of activities on internet safety across the school week. Information for parents/ carers on helping to keep your child safe online is available at <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/> <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/?page=2&order=title>

THE UNDERWEAR RULE - This is a NSPCC Campaign to encourage parents and carers of 5-11 year olds to talk to their children about keeping safe from sexual abuse. “The Underwear Rule” puts across the message that the areas covered by your underwear are yours and private to you. If anyone touches those areas you should tell a parent or someone you trust. Materials and booklets for parents and children can be viewed on the following websites:

- <http://www.thefa.com/football-rules-governance/safeguarding/pants---the-nspcc-underwear-rule>
- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule>
- https://beinternetlegends.withgoogle.com/en_uk/parents
- https://beinternetawesome.withgoogle.com/en_us/interland

BOOK CHARACTER DRESSING UP DAY - Children can dress up as their favourite book character on Friday 6th March . Lots of activities have been planned for the children during Book Week.

WINTER WEATHER - At this time of year we are all conscious of the changing weather and drop in temperature. Please encourage your children to bring a hat, scarf and gloves to wear on the playground. Please remember to name all items of clothing.

OUTDOOR SHOES - As I am sure you are all aware the school grounds get very muddy at this time of year particularly in KS2. If your child is in KS2 you can, if you want to, send in shoes for your child to wear outside and also a pair of indoor shoes. You must also provide your child with a plastic carrier back to put their muddy shoes in.

CONTACT DETAILS - We use pmxparentmail to pass on information to parents regarding school events including school trips and school closures. Parents and carers need to update pmxparentmail if there are any changes in mobile phone numbers or email addresses. Please ensure your contact details are up to date and that you check your email messages so that you receive this information. We may also need to contact you if your child is feeling unwell or in an emergency, please ensure that you inform the school of any changes to your contact details such as contact telephone numbers and email addresses.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 10 February - Music Theme Week and Master Classes

Tuesday 11 February - Parent Consultations 4 -6 pm

Thursday 13 February - Parent Consultations 6 -8 pm

Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February -Half Term Holiday

Tuesday 25 February - Pancake Breakfast 8.15 to 8.45am

Wednesday 26 February - Ash Wednesday Mass @ 9.30 – Year 6 and Year 2 reading

Wednesday 26 February -Year 5 and 6 Badminton Tournament (selected children)

Thursday 27 February -Year 5 Boys' Football Tournament (selected children)

Monday 2 March - Enrichment Afternoon - The theme is Animals

Friday 6 March - Book Character Dressing Up Day

Friday 6 March - 4NH Class Assembly parents invited

Tuesday 10 March - Year 3 & 4 Boys' Football Tournament (selected children)

Tuesday 10 March - Year 3 Impact in Maths Workshops for children and parents

Thursday 12 March - Year 5 Science Master Class at Ashcroft (selected children)

Friday 13 March – 3CF Class Assembly parents invited

Friday 13 March-Year 5 and 6 Hockey Tournament (selected children)

Tuesday 17 March - Coffee Morning in Family Room with School Nurse

Thursday 19 March- Year 3 and Year 4 Girls' Football Tournament (selected pupils)

Friday 20 March - First Confession 3MS for children signed up to Sacred Heart Parish Communion Programme

Monday 23 March - Wintershall Assemblies for KS2 followed by workshops

Tuesday 24 March - 4NH Guided Meditation 9am parents invited

Tuesday 24 March - Fire Station Visit Year 2

Wednesday 25 March - Fire Station Visit Year 2

Friday 27 March - First Confession 3CF for children signed up to Sacred Heart Parish Communion Programme

Friday 27 March - Year 3 and Year 4 Hockey Tournament (selected pupils)

Friday 27 March – Year 6 Warner Brother Studios Trip

Thank you for your continued support with your child's learning and development, I hope you all enjoy the half term holiday.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs. J.M. Cullen
Headteacher