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"Called to love as God loves"

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to school. I hope that you all enjoyed the half term break. During the first week back after half term, we press the "reset button" and focus on developing children's learning behaviours in order for all children to reach their potential.

Time is set aside this week in our curriculum to provide opportunities for children to work collaboratively focusing on oracy skills so that children can confidently hold conversation with adults and their peers. We practise using SHAPE sentences which involves children:

S: speaking in full sentences

H: hands away from mouth

A: articulate words

P: project voice

E: eye contact

Teachers also dedicate time to modelling and deliberately practising transitioning between lessons and moving around the school safely. We encourage the children to "Dress to Impress" by upholding our school uniform policy. We believe this is time well spent in order to maintain high expectations of behaviour in and out of the classroom.

Sacramental Programme

Congratulations to the Year Four children who received the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time last term. The Masses were a beautiful celebration of the children on their faith journey. We pray for the Year Three children who will be making their First Holy Communion in the summer.



Lent

This week marks the season of Lent. We will be holding a service in school on Ash Wednesday when the children will receive Ashes from Father Michael.



COVID

With Covid restrictions relaxing, we will be reviewing our risk assessment and are looking forward to welcoming parents back into school again this term.

Well Being

Thank you to all the parents who completed the Well-Being Survey recently. We were delighted with the overwhelmingly positive response we received. Mrs O'Leary, the Well Being Lead and the Well Being Ambassadors will be looking at ways to further develop our practice based on your feedback. In the meantime, please visit the Well Being page on our website for more information.



School Council

Thank you to the School Council who organised the Valentine's Day celebration raising £263.00 for school fund. This money will be used to replenish outdoor play equipment in time for the summer term. It was a lovely opportunity for the children to celebrate their loved ones and remind us of our Mission Statement.

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School Improvements

We continue to strive to provide the best possible learning environment for our children. We have just received delivery of brand new tables and chairs for Miss Rawcliffe's class with more on order for Miss Monk's and Mrs McFee's classes. During the holiday work has taken place to update our fire alarm system and the central corridors in school have been decorated ready for an art installation to support our core values of Love, Forgiveness, Dignity, Faith, Honesty, Community and Joy.

Prayers for Peace

On Monday, we gathered together as a worshipping community to offer our thoughts and prayers for all those affected by the outbreak of war in Ukraine. Pope Francis has called for Ash Wednesday to serve as a day of prayer and fasting for peace in Ukraine.

*Loving God,
We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.*

*We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.*

*We pray for the world
that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need.*

*May we walk in your ways
So that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine and all the world.*

Amen

Ms Garvey
Head Teacher

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Diary Dates:

Wed 2 nd March	Ash Wednesday
Fri 4 th March	Dress up for World Book Day
Wed 16 th March	Sacrament of Reconciliation Y3
W/C 21 st March	Parents' Evening (more details to follow)
Thurs 14 th April	School Closes
Mon 25 th April	School Opens

