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ATTENDANCE

We aim for 100% attendance and punctuality for every child

Class of the Week w/e 28/02/2014

Year 3 99.57%

219 children achieved 100% Attendance

Whole School Attendance was 97.09% 😊

Dear Parents,

Friday 7th March 2014

Thank you to all our children for a wonderful display of reverence and singing at the parish Ash Wednesday Mass. Father Philip was very complimentary about how respectful our children were and it was wonderful that so many of them wanted to take part and receive the Ashes. Ash Wednesday signifies the beginning of the Lenten Season in the Christian Faith - a season of fasting, abstinence and almsgiving in respect of Jesus and his suffering. The season of Lent lasts for approximately 40 days - replicating the suffering of Jesus during his time without food in the desert. This year we will once more be supporting the Father Hudson's Good Shepherd Appeal and you will already have received the money collection boxes. Our Easter Coffee Morning on **Tuesday 8th April** will be raising funds for a children's Muscular Dystrophy charity and also for our KS1 playground project. We have begun collecting items for the coffee morning, please see the flyer sent home today, **next Friday** will be an **own clothes day for those children that bring in chocolate for the coffee morning**.

Secondary Transfers

If you have any concerns regarding the secondary place allocated to your child, please come and see myself and/or Mrs. Gibbons as soon as possible.

£200.00 from Asda's 'Green Tokens' for our Key Stage One Playground

I am delighted to inform you that our school received the most green tokens. We received a telephone call from Asda informing us that a cheque for £200 is on its way to us towards our KS1 Playground Appeal. Thank you to everyone that supported us and in particular to our lunchtime supervisor, Mrs Boon who nominated our project.

Cooking with Kids

Confirmation letters went out last week and the first session took place this week. The response has been significant and so unfortunately, many children and parents will be disappointed. I am pursuing further funding so that this programme can be repeated and everyone who has applied and been unsuccessful this time will be on the waiting list.

'Supporting Your Child' Training Programme Information: Parents Evening 12th March

We have made links with the Adult Education Service to provide a course for our parents to help you support your child's learning. The course will run for 2 hours per week for 15 weeks and we are keen to enrol interested parents. Parents will receive a City and Guilds qualification on completion of the course. The Adult Education Service will be here on Parents Evening on 12th March in the school hall to enrol parents and answer any questions. Do go and speak to them about how you can help your child to learn.

Wednesday 26th March: Day of Industrial Action

Parents please be aware that some of the teaching unions have called their members to take industrial action on Wednesday 26th March. This may affect some classes in our school but I will inform parents as soon as possible of any impending class closures.

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Important reminder 'change of date' for all parents

School will be closed to pupils on **Thursday 22nd May 2014** (Local Elections) **and Friday 23rd May 2014** (Staff Training Day). School will **reopen Monday 2nd June** after the half term holiday.

School Uniform Price Increase

Our uniform supplier has increased their prices with effect from 1st February. We will therefore now be charging £10.50 for school cardigans and £9.00 for sweatshirts.

School Uniform Rules

May I remind parents that:-

- school shoes must be all black with sensible fastenings - trainers are not allowed
- yellow polo shirts only are allowed
- in KS2 pupils may wear a white shirt but this must be worn with a tie

Some children have returned to school and are not wearing the correct uniform; parents will be informed if their child is not wearing the correct uniform.

URGENT AND IMPORTANT; Nursery Applications for September 2014

Have you registered your child for Nursery in September? If your child was born between 1/9/10 and 31/8/11, please call into the school office to complete an application form. If you have friends or relatives with Nursery age children, ask them to come and see us too.

Y4 residential visit to Kingswood 7th, 8th and 9th April

There will be a final meeting for all parents and children on **Friday 14th March** in the Year 4 classroom at 3.05 p.m. when we will go over all the final details.

Sainsbury Vouchers

Sainsbury's are now giving vouchers. If you do shop at Sainsbury's please do collect them and send them in with your child. Tell your family and friends too and ask them to collect for you. If we can collect enough vouchers we will be able to buy more playground equipment for the children to use.

School Meal Price Increase

After Easter, from 29th April, the cost of a school dinner will increase by 5p per day, from £2.00 per day to £2.05 per day. Dinner money for a week will therefore be £10.25, (Nursery meals increase from £1.70 to £1.75 per day, £8.75 per week to £9.00 per week).

UNIVERSAL FREE SCHOOL MEALS Department for Education NEW INITIATIVE COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 2014 for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

I can now confirm that from September 2014 we will be providing free school meals for all children in the Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes. Funding from the Government will provide for this. We expect that all our children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will have a free school meal from September 2014. This will represent a tremendous saving for parents. There will be more information forthcoming over the next few months and I am happy to answer any questions on this.

Enjoy your weekend.

Yours sincerely

M Mulroy

Mrs M Mulroy
Headteacher