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Dear Parent



March is dedicated to St Joseph

In this year of St Joseph, as instituted by Pope Francis, it is a good time to get to 'know' him better and his role in the life of Jesus. St Joseph was an extraordinary family man – a model for us all. We ask his prayers and protection for ourselves and for our families at this unique time in world history. Feast Day – 19th March.

Returning to School

It is wonderful to see all the children so happy and eager to be back in school. My thanks to all staff who supported in whichever way they did during this past lockdown and to you as parents for being so appreciative of our efforts to sustain learning and each other. We appreciate the support very much!

Let us all look forward together to better days.

Children Who Need to Stay at Home

If your child is at home due to illness, they should be resting and recuperating until they are well enough to return. If your child is at home because someone in the household is ill or the family is isolating but the child remains well, work will be sent home for that child to do. This can be emailed or collected.

Please understand that we cannot provide online or live learning for these isolated cases. Should the whole class have to isolate, however, the resumption of live learning will be set up for the children. Thank you for your concern and understanding.

School Uniform

Thank you for returning the children to school looking so smart. We recognise that the children will have grown since Christmas and that it may be difficult to get uniform items. However, all the key supermarkets sell these items and usually at a more favourable price – which is always a good thing. If you are struggling, we do have some items of clothing that we may be able to assist you with until all the shops are reopened. It is really important for the children to feel that sense of belonging and being the same as the other children – so any way we can help, we will.

On a related note, if you have any uniform items that your child has outgrown, that are in good condition, please send them into school so that we can redistribute (as above).

Our summer uniform should be reintroduced after Easter – for girls this means their school dress and cardigan, white socks and black shoes; the boys should wear their grey trousers, long or short legs and the gold polo shirt with jumper – no tie required, black shoes. Thank you!

SOMAL Fashions, our uniform provider, is open for appointments and will deliver your uniform orders to school – contact - mobile number 07969380511; paddys1@hotmail.co.uk

CHESS... the after school club resumes this week – Wednesday (Y3), Thursday (Y4), Friday (Y5/6).

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Water Bottles

Please provide your child with their own water bottle to help them to keep refreshed during the school day. Children cannot use shared items and unless it is provided from home they may not have a drink all day. Unfortunately, we are not able to assist in this particular situation.

PUMPS in School

It is really important that ALL children have well fitted pumps in school **every day**. There are times when the routine in school may need to change at short notice and children will need their pumps. The pumps can be left in school at the end of each day. Thank you for your support for the children.

World Book Day

This was such a success last week and reportedly so enjoyed by the children – which was our sole remit for doing it. I want to thank Mrs Davis for bringing this idea forward and for putting together the videos etc for the children to watch. Good job! 😊

Returning School Laptops

Thanks to those families that have returned the laptops that were used during the remote learning period. We know that they helped in allowing children to access the live teaching during this period of closure and how much this was appreciated.

Please, could any laptops that have not yet been returned be brought into school by tomorrow (Wednesday). Thank you.

Have a great week and stay safe and well!

Yours sincerely,

HM Cusack

Headteacher