



Dear parents: Lent started this week and you can see pictures below. Nobody knows how this coronavirus (Covid 19) will develop. My role is to stay calm, keep everyone informed and act in the best interests of our school and local community. Weeks ago I ordered new soap dispensers and hand sanitisers for every class and we now have these. I have also just ordered from our cleaning company two new large ones as well. I post updates on our website and send out texts as needed. I also spoke with parents this week who had been on holiday.

School news ... this week

Monday... Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday assembly.

Tuesday ... Pancake day and Ms Florence's lovely treats.

Wednesday .. Mass for Years 4 5 and 6 and Ashes. Fr Derek then came over and distributed Ashes to the whole school. Once again Pete provided inspiring music.

Thursday ... Year 6 visited the superb Ben Kinsella Trust.

Friday ... Geography assembly ..10.15am.

School news ... next week

Monday... Lenten assembly featuring music from Ghana.

Wednesday .. Year 2 assembly 9.15am all welcome.

Thursday ... it's World Book Day once again + Digital snappers photography workshops 2 days whole school.

Gardening Club plant sale from 3.15pm

Friday ... Digital workshops

Attendance ... Top class for attendance are Year 6 again this week. Most punctual were Year 1.

Governors and Buildings Fund February 28th 2020

Total = £3,330.00 today. £425 up since the 14th. Coming in nicely thank you.

Jigsaw puzzles ... Appeal from Mr Hood our SEND co-ordinator for any jigsaw puzzles you don't use or need any more for a special piece of work he is doing with our pupils with SEND.

Pics of the week ... Fr Derek and our Ash Wednesday service.



Week Beginning 10/02/2020	Attendance	Late
Nursery	87.95%	2.41%
Reception	89.67%	1.67%
Year 1	94.67%	0.33%
Year 2	84.48%	1.72%
Year 3	98.33%	2.33%
Year 4	94.48%	2.41%
Year 5	94.33%	2.33%
Year 6	99.23%	1.15%

Absence ... if your child is absent from school for any reason we need a covering note or written email. Merely telling the teacher is not enough. By law we need to know why and record it.



and finally one of my favourite periods of history in the last few years has been about the Crusades. The fervour and religious frenzy that gripped medieval Europe. I knew little about this so read several books on the subject. One of many Crusades was the children's Crusade of 1212....it did not end well!! Google it if interested. A while ago I came across the story of Nongqawuse a 15 year old African child prophet who told her Xhosa people to slaughter all their cattle in 1856. This too did not end well. !! Worth a read. The reason I write this is that apocalyptic visions from young people are nothing new and our duty as adults is to listen but provide guidance, leadership and soothe their fears. Meanwhile life goes on and after the Leap Year day its March and please God some nicer weather. Be calm and content.