



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back from the half term break and I hope you had an enjoyable week with your children.

### **Staffing**

I am writing to let you know that Mrs Pavlovic has sadly resigned from her deputy head and teaching post in Year 5 with effect from the end of this academic year. I am informing you now as I know Mrs Pavlovic would want you to hear from the school first before any school recruitment is advertised.

I know you will join me in thanking Mrs Pavlovic for all the many years she has given to the school community and the teaching of your children. There will be many opportunities towards the end of the summer term to celebrate and say our farewells to Mrs Pavlovic.

### **CAFOD**

This week the children had a special visitor from CAFOD. The assembly explained all about the work CAFOD does to support those around the world less fortunate than ourselves. The Year 5 children took part in a CAFOD workshop and will be working on the Lenten fundraiser 'Give it up' and will themselves launch this fundraiser to the rest of the school.

### **Shrove Tuesday**

In preparation for Lent the children will be having a themed pancake school dinner and taking part in activities across the day. (Please see PTA information below regarding non uniform day).

### **Ash Wednesday**

We will be joining the Parish community for Mass at 10am. If you are able, please join us. For children and adults who are not attending the service there will be an opportunity to receive the ashes in school.

### **PTA**

You may have seen an app message sent out last week. The PTA has been working hard and are organising a couple of events for the pupils this term.

The PTA would really like some help by way of donations, such as: toys, DVDs (U and PG certificates), sweets, chocolate eggs which will be sold/ won at the Easter Fair. Any of your contributions will be greatly appreciated.

The PTA is also arranging other fundraising events and you will be informed of these shortly. Those already planned are as follows:

Tuesday 5th March – non uniform day in exchange for a donation for the tombola

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March – KS1 movie night (details and booking form to follow)

Friday 29th March – Easter Fair 3.30 to 5pm

### **Parent Forum**

The next parent forum meeting will take place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 5pm. I look forward to seeing you then. If you are attending please come to the school reception.

### **Curriculum Alive days**

The children enjoyed learning about the Year of the Dog and made some fantastic Chinese New year artefacts.

The next themed curriculum day will be World book day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March.

The Children in EYFS and KS1 enjoyed a fabulous book reading and signing session with author Grant Koper the author of 'The Day Granny's Knickers Blew Away!'

### **World Book Day**

All pupils to dress up as a book character for the day. Throughout the day the children will be taking part in various book themed activities and enjoying a world book day lunch. If your child does not normally have a school dinner and would like to, please book this in advance with the kitchen.

### Scholastic Book Fair

We have booked Scholastic book fair to be here from Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March, there will be the opportunity to purchase books at the end of the day on the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. In addition the book fair will also be open during parents' evening on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March. It is not only a great opportunity to purchase a book for your child/ren but also any money collected earns the school rewards which we can then spend on more books for the school.

### Year 6 PGL Residential Trip

We wish all of Year 6 best wishes for an exciting time on their upcoming residential trip to Caythorpe. We look forward to hearing about their adventures on their return. For parents of children in Year 6 they will be telling all about their experiences at the parent assembly on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

### School Uniform

Can I please remind parents of parts of the School Uniform Policy that are not being followed by some children at the moment. The full policy is available on the website.

- **Boots are not permitted.** Footwear should be flat black shoes.
- There should not be any patterns shaved into children's hair and long hair should be tied back. Anything used to tie hair back should be in line with school colours.
- **Earrings must be a small plain ball stud and must be removed by the child for PE lessons.**
- As part of the PE kit navy blue shorts and a coloured T-shirt should be worn, depending on which house your child is in. These are:
  - St Matthew – Blue
  - St Mark – Red
  - St Luke – Yellow
  - St John – Green

### Parents' Evenings and other events

Please take this opportunity to meet with your child's teacher so you can discuss his/her progress at this point in the year. Appointments can be made via the school office. The times are:

- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 4.00pm – 6.30pm
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March, 4.00pm – 6.30pm

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April your child will be coming home with their Lent term attainment and attendance reports.

Other events this term are:

- Years 4 & 3 Easter Reflection – 'Tell the Story':
  - Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2.30pm
  - Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March, 6.00pm

Tickets will be available from the school office from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March, priced at £1

- Celebration Assemblies:
  - Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April – 9.05am: Reception to Y2 / 10.05am: Y3 to Y6
- The Passion for the whole school in St Vincent's church – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April, 1.30pm
- End of term – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 2.15pm

I look forward to seeing you all at one of the Parents' Evenings or at any of the events taking place this term.

Kind regards

Mrs K Armstrong  
Head Teacher

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019