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Dear Parents

Welcome back, I hope you all had a good half term break.

Mid-Year Reports

On Friday you will be receiving your child's Mid-Year Report. There will be an opportunity to discuss your child's report on Monday 9th March from 3pm to 6pm. Appointments must be booked in advance by completing the slip attached to the report. Books will be available in the hall so if you are happy with the report and feel you want to look at the books but do not want to talk to the class teacher then you do not need to make an appointment just pop into the hall. In some cases, teachers may request you make an appointment to see them. On Monday 9th March there will be no after school clubs due to Parent Consultation Evening. The sports club led by Rhys will run as usual.

Ash Wednesday

On Wednesday we start Lent by celebrating Ash Wednesday. Father Rick will be coming to school to anoint the children and staff with ashes. Meat will not be served on Ash Wednesday (as it is a day of abstinence) so our roast dinner for this week only will move to Thursday. Fish and a vegetarian option will be available on Wednesday.



PTA

A big thank you to our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) who have raised enough money to purchase new reading books that are phonetically decodable for Reception and Key Stage 1.

We are so grateful to the PTA for organising events like the Christmas fayre and the quiz night. We also thank the parents that attend these events to support fundraising.

The PTA are planning a Summer Fete so we will be looking for volunteers to assist. More information to follow.

Corona Virus

Before half term I had several emails (and I believe there was a lot of negative posts on social media) regarding what I was doing in relation to the Corona Virus.

I can assure you the school is following government advice. As parents, if you have any concerns please contact me directly rather than publicising negative feeling on social media. It does not follow our Catholic Ethos. I am always available for meeting with parents. There is a great deal of information on the government website and the NHS website.

Nursery

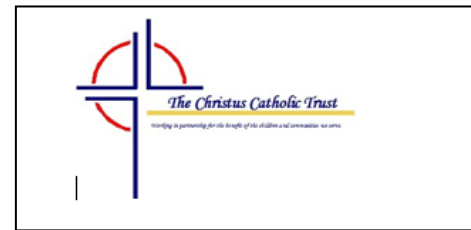
St Teresa's Little Learners Nursery is running well. We have three places left for April. If your child will be 3 years old before 19th April they are eligible to start after the Easter break. If your child is celebrating their third birthday between 20th April and 31st August, they can start in September. Please contact the office to pick up an application form. We offer 15 or 30 hours of childcare.

Year 1 Garden Area

Mrs Penn has spent a great deal of her half term holiday transforming the Y1 outdoor area into a nature area for the children. On Thursday Y1 have been asked to wear outdoor clothing and donate a plant to finish the nature



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area. If anyone has any seeds, plants or outdoor paint (bright colours) they would be happy to donate we would be extremely grateful. Thank you in advance.

World Book Day

On Thursday 5th March we are celebrating World Book Day. Our theme is, "enjoy a good book before bed". With this in mind we are asking children to dress up in night wear e.g. PJs, onesies or simply comfy clothes. We are also holding a film night so children can enjoy world book day followed by films based on famous books. The School Council are also holding a Hot Chocolate sale during break time on 5th March. Hot Chocolate £1.00 with a choice of toppings.

Mothers' Day Stall

We will be holding our Mothers' Day Stall again this year in the hall on Tuesday 17th March. Children will get the opportunity to spend their money on a present for their mum or someone who looks after them. Gifts range from 20p to £2.00. We would really appreciate any donations of unused toiletries, photo frames, key rings etc.

Polite reminder

Please do not stay after school and allow your children to play on the jungle gym. The gates will be locked by 3.10pm so please leave the playground promptly after pick up. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Dates

Wednesday 26 th February	Ash Wednesday
Friday 28 th February	Mid-Year Reports to parents
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day -
Monday 9 th March	Parent Consultation Evening 3-6pm
Friday 13 th March	Y2 Class Assembly, parents welcome.
Tuesday 17 th March	Mothers' Day Stall in the hall from 2pm.
24 th March	Y6 Visit to Crucial Crew (letter to follow)
Friday 3 rd April	School finishes for the Easter Break
Monday 20 th April	School reopens for the Summer Term
Friday 1 st May	Y1 Class Assembly, parents welcome.
Friday 8 th May	Bank Holiday

Have a good week with your families
Mrs Cashell