

**ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL  
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Dear Parents,

As we begin the half-term holiday I hope that you are able to make the most of the break from routine that the holiday provides.

### **Thank you**

To all who supported the children's Mass for Chinese New Year. Don't forget the next children's Mass is on 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 12 o'clock.

To Mrs. Beaton for all that she has given to the children, parents and staff over the past 10 years. I know that she will be missed by all. The good news is that we will still be seeing Mrs. Beaton over the coming months when she provides any additional cover for teachers that we need. On behalf of the parents we purchased a satellite navigation system to help Mrs. Beaton find the new schools she will be working in.

### **Congratulations**

To Year 4 on their recent success in winning the Catholic Cluster dance competition. I am very grateful to Miss Leach for her excellent choreography.

### **Staffing**

I am very grateful for all the hard work put in by Miss Adamson, Mrs. Stokes, Mrs. Chung and Miss Chung in covering the Nursery during Mrs. O'Neill's sick leave. Mrs. O'Neill will be returning to work after half term.

Mrs. Harding and Mrs. Wilding will become the class teachers for Reception after half term. I know that they have enjoyed the time they have spent in Reception already, getting to know the children.

### **Lent**

As you know we began Lent with our special liturgy of ashing. During Lent we are supporting the Cathedral's Lenten Charity to try and raise £3,000 for a classroom in Africa. The children are being encouraged to:

- Pray for children who have no school to go to.
- Try and do something extra at home to earn 5p.
- Bring their 5p's to school for our Lenten Charity.

The children will also be bringing home the Catholic Children's Society boxes to collect any loose change. The money raised supports work with disadvantaged children. The boxes need to be returned **after Easter** not before.

**Book Week**

This will take place from 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> March. During this time we will be holding a Book Fair after school (details to follow). On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March we would like children to come dressed as a book character. They will need to read the book containing the character over half-term and bring the book to school with them on 6<sup>th</sup> March.

**School meals**

A new menu will be operating after half term. A copy has been attached for your information.

**Milk**

If anyone would like their child to have milk after half-term, the cost will be £3.50 for the half-term. The money and slip must be paid to the office on the **first** day back after the break.

**Advance Notice**

Sharon Horne our School Nurse will be present during Parents Evening on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March to offer any help or advice about concerns you may have about your children.

Have a good half-term. See you all on the 25<sup>th</sup> February.

Yours sincerely,

C.M. Hobbs  
Headteacher

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**MILK**

Name of child/children .....

I would like my child/ children to have school milk and enclose £3.50 per child.

Amount enclosed .....