

ST COLUMBA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

DEAR PARENT/CARER

MANY THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO CAME along to the Ash Wednesday Mass in Church this morning. It was a really lovely service made even better by your presence.

MANY THANKS ALSO TO ALL OUR CHILDREN who sang and responded throughout the service, special mention needs to be made of:-

Our Readers who were Marcel Maryniak, Millie Chamberlain, Aimee Hirst, Kajus Kudzevicius, Anya Faulkner, Mason Clark-Corby, Elise Melling, Natasha Malone and Jake Wilson.

Our Processors who were Kacey Ward, Liam Kay, Adam Fenwick and Timothy Hill

Our Altar Servers who were Jessica Garuba, Steven Dike, Adam Stewart, Austin Gumboh, Sami Merifield and Megan Markey.

WELL DONE TO YOU ALL you did very well and were a credit to your parents and to our school.

TOMORROW THURSDAY 11TH FEBRUARY is the last day of this half-term and school will close for the half-term holiday at the end of the afternoon session. (3.00pm Main School, 3.15pm Nursery and 4.30pm After School Clubs).

TOMORROW IS ALSO A "NON-UNIFORM DAY" and you may if you wish send your child into school in his/her out of school clothes providing you pay a forfeit (school suggests 50p). All proceeds will go to the charities "Mind" which supports people and families which have to cope with effects of psychological illness.

OVER THE HOLIDAYS PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD continues with his or her reading each day. After ensuring your child comes to school each day the next best thing you can do is ensure that he/she reads each day. At the end of each school day and at the beginning of a holiday, your child will come home with material to read that evening, weekend or holiday. Some children will be able to do this on their own and others will need you or another family member to read with or to them. Please ensure this reading work is done and ensure that the record sent home to show this is signed and returned to school.

AFTER THE HOLIDAYS THOSE PUPILS whose parents have registered them for First Communion this year (pupils in Yr 3 or above) will begin their after school preparation classes. These will be at 3.15pm to 4.10pm each Thursday in school. If you have not registered your child and you wish him/her to make First Sacraments this year please contact the school office.

ALL CHILDREN WHO WISH TO MAKE THEIR FIRST COMMUNION this year should be attending Mass at a Catholic Church each weekend. The times of Masses at our Parish Churches are

St Columba's	Saturday	5.30pm
	Sunday	11.15am
St Peter's	Sunday	9.30am

Do please parents of First Communion children ensure your child attends Mass each weekend.

SCHOOL WILL RE-OPEN ON MONDAY 22ND FEBRUARY. On this day Breakfast Club will begin at 8.00am, Nursery at 8.30am and Main School Doors open at 8.45am. After school club will run from 3.00pm to 4.30pm as will be the existing clubs but for the children who have been selected. Do have a happy and peaceful break and I look forward to seeing the children back **IN SCHOOL ON MONDAY 22ND FEBRUARY.**

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