ST COLUMBA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

DEAR PARENT/CARER

TOMORROW THURSDAY 17TH MARCH IS OUR KS1 EASTER BONNET PARADE DAY. At 9:30am all our KS1 children who have made Easter Bonnets will parade around the Top Hall and judges will choose a winner from each class. If you are free do come along and see our KS1 pupils parade in their super bonnets. Refreshments will be served from 9.00am in the Lower Hall. Tomorrow is also the Feast of St Patrick the Patron Saint of Ireland and is a day of celebration all over the world which makes this day a very jolly day indeed.

THIS SUNDAY IS PALM SUNDAY and if you go to church this Sunday you will receive a 'palm' to take home and keep to Palm Sunday next year. On Palm Sunday we remember the time Jesus rode into Jerusalem and crowds came out waving palms to honour him. Sunday also marks the beginning of Holy Week the week before Easter Sunday. Because this week is Holy Week we will be having special assemblies in school which will focus on the events of Jesus' final days in Jerusalem and his Passion, Death & Resurrection. Please see this weeks Wednesday Word which is being sent out today and tomorrow for further details.

SCHOOL IS OPEN ON MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY NEXT WEEK. At the end of next week each pupils attendance for the term will be judged and prizes awarded to all those who achieve good attendance results. All their names will be entered into a draw with the winners receiving a range of special prizes including a Kindle! A similar draw will take place for our writing competition winners with prizes which also include a Kindle being given out. Do make sure you send your child in on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week so they don't miss any of their lessons and other activities taking place.

SCHOOL WILL CLOSE FOR EASTER AT 3.00PM NEXT WEDNESDAY (3.15pm for Nursery and Eden). **Wednesday will also be a non-uniform day.** If you would like your child to come to school in his/her out of school clothes you may do providing you pay a forfeit (school suggests 50p). All proceeds will go to our Lenten Charites, Good Shepherd, Cafod and Mission Together.

NEXT WEEK WE WILL ALSO BE HAVING BUN SALES at playtimes for KS2 on Monday and KS1 on Tuesday.

HELP US PROTECT THE HEALTH OF OUR PUPILS BY:-

- 1. **NOT SMOKING IN SCHOOL GROUNDS** or in view of our children.
- NOT PARKING IN THE SCHOOL DRIVE as by doing so some drivers are causing congestion and making it more difficult for other drivers to see children who maybe in the roadway. Also reversing into the exit road of the car park to turn round is obviously very dangerous.