

ST COLUMBA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

DEAR PARENT/CARER

THIS WEEK IS HOLY WEEK during which we remember the last days Jesus spent on earth before His Crucifixion and the Resurrection. We will be having special assemblies in school every day this short week. Also there will be special services in our Parish Churches (details which were sent out last week). Do try to take your children to some of them.

BISHOP MARCUS OUR BISHOP IS DELIVERING PRAYER OF THE DAY EACH DAY THIS WEEK at 5.43am each day on Radio 4. If you would like to hear our Bishop you will need to get up early this week or log on to:- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006qmpj/episodes/guide> to listen to the recordings at a more convenient time.

SCHOOL WILL CLOSE FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAYS this Wednesday 23rd March at 3.00pm (3.15pm Nursery/Eden) for the Easter Holiday. School will re-open on **TUESDAY 5th APRIL** with Breakfast Club doors opening at 8.00am and Main Doors at 8.45am.

NORMAL LESSONS WILL CONTINUE on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week so do ensure that you send your child into school on these days.

AT THE END OF THIS WEEK before closing the attendance of each pupil will be calculated. Prizes will be awarded to all those with "good" attendance for the term and their names will be entered into our Attendance Draw. There will be a range of special prizes awarded to the winners including a state of the art Kindle! We will also be having a similar draw for the winner of our Writing Competition.

THE 1ST WEEK BACK AFTER HALF TERM WILL BE MENTORING MEETINGS WEEK. During this 1st week back every child will have a 10 minute meeting with his/her teacher about his/her progress and targets for the next period given. It is extremely beneficial if parents come along. The days of the mentoring meetings for each class are as follows:-

Tuesday 5th April	-	3Sh, 3M, 5Do, 5P
Wednesday 6th April	-	RD, RB, 2P, 2Sc
Thursday 7th April	-	1Wo, 1Ra, 4M, 4Hu
Friday 8th April	-	6M, 6W

YOU SHOULD BY NOW HAVE RECEIVED A SLIP INVITING YOU to attend your child's mentoring meeting asking you to indicate a period during which you could attend. Please return this form by tomorrow but if you have not received one please contact school.

THIS WEDNESDAY THE LAST DAY OF TERM is 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). We will also be having bun sales at playtime. KS2's was today and KS1's is tomorrow. All proceeds from these events will go to our Lenten Charities which are:-

The Good Shepherd – which provides care for families

Cafod } These provide help for overseas countries and people in need.
Mission Together }

Do support these and the other charitable events school organises as well as you can.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING:-

TO Jessie Clement, Cadence O'Neill, Benjamin Idusogie and Daniel Adelusi who took part in the Mini Tennis Competition at Bradford Forster Academy last Tuesday. The children played 6 mini tennis matches, they all played very well, tried their best and their behaviour was excellently. Well done to you all.

TO THE 28 YR 5 CHILDREN who took part in the local dance competition at Tong. They equipped themselves very well, and really enjoyed the experience. We had some really good performances from **Aiysha Choolun and her partner Abel Osayamwen and Rachel Soda and her partner Jacob Bateman. St Columba's best pairing was Chloe Link and her partner Oliwier Ponichtera.** Well done to all those children who took part.

TO THE KS1 CHILDREN who took part in the Easter Bonnet Parade last Thursday. The winners were **Kayla Horan, Aaron Kay, Luke Wood, Miley Crompton, Summer Hainsworth, Brody-Lee Calvert, Keven Wac and Charlotte Leith.**

HELP US PROTECT THE HEALTH OF OUR PUPILS BY:-

1. **NOT SMOKING IN SCHOOL GROUNDS** or in view of our children.
2. **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 may be in the roadway. Also reversing into the exit road of the car park to turn round is obviously very dangerous.

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