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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well and settling back into school life for the Spring term.

It has been lovely to meet some of you at the school gates over this past week.

I have been very welcomed and well looked after by the staff and children, who are have been very keen to say hello, introduce themselves and shake hands!

## **INSET DAYS**

In the Autumn Term you were notified of an **INSET day** on **Friday 10**<sup>th</sup> **February.** 

As a school we have a further three INSET days to calendar for this academic year. Please see the dates below:



INSET DAY DATES Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023 Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023 Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July



I am very aware that as parents it is imperative to know as soon as possible when these INSET dates are for child care and work arrangements.

Please accept my apologies for the short notice of these additional INSET dates. This is a combination of working with the availability of Teacher Training providers who will benefit the children and staff of the school immensely and a change of headship in the Spring term.

I do understand that providing as much notice for parents about these dates is ideal and by the end of the Summer term, I hope to be able to inform you of all INSET days in advance of 2023-2024.

Thank you for your support and understanding with this matter.

Please also note the dates for further events this term on the right.





# **FURTHER DATES**

For all remaining INSET days, please see the green box on the left.

Parent Consultation, 1-7pm Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

KS2 (Yr6) SATS Week Week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> May

KS2 SATS During the month of May

Year 1 Phonics Screening Week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> June

Year 4 Multiplication Check 5<sup>th</sup> June – 16<sup>th</sup> June

Your child's attendance at school is extremely important in order to prepare fully for these assessments.

Last day of school this half term Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February

First day back after half term <u>Tuesday</u> 21<sup>st</sup> February

## Masses

Each class will be visiting Church this term to celebrate Mass Please meet us at Church to celebrate with us.

For other Mass celebrations overleaf, please come along to celebrate with us in school

#### **Basketball Match**

Thank you to our wonderful KS2 basketball team who have trained tirelessly with Miss Thornhill in preparation for the match against Welbeck and Greythorn Primary schools last week. The children played brilliantly and were a credit to the school in the sportsmanship and professional attitudes they displayed. We definitely have some future professional players in our school! I'm proud to announce that after some tense matches the winners were...St Patrick's!

### PSHE

Watch this space for information to be sent shortly about 'Dress To Impress' and 'Time To Talk Day, World Mental Health Day and Internet Safety Week. Your child's mental health and safety is incredibly important to us. These are wonderful opportunities for the children to celebrate themselves and ensure they know how to keep themselves happy and healthy, mentally and online.

Not only will we continue to teach the children about these important subjects, there will be competitions and prizes galore!

#### **Class Masses**

For information and dates regarding class and school Masses, please the Mass dates list to the right. For class Masses at church, we would love to celebrate with you and look forward to meeting you at Church.

For school Masses, we will confirm timings and keep you informed. Again, we would love to celebrate with you together in the school hall.

#### Thank You

Once again, thank you for your support and I look forward to continuing to getting to know you and your children.

With very best wishes,

Miss Ferrara

#### **Mass Dates**

**Year 5** Weds 8th Jan, 10am

**Year 2** Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Jan, 10am

**Year 1** Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February, 10am

Mass In School St Josephine Bakita Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2pm

Ash Wednesday Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, Time TBC

> Year 6 Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March, 10am

> **Year 4** Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March, 10am

Year 3 Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March Liturgical Prayer In School Time TBC

> **St Patrick's Day!** Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March Details TBC

**FS2** Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Holy Week Liturgies Week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> March Details TBC