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"Through Jesus we achieve our very best."

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Attendance & Punctuality since the last Newsletter. Congratulations to Year 2 on both accounts.

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
%	97.2	94.8	97.3	96.5	97.0	92.9	95.2
Attendance							
No of Lates	23	13	4	9	19	13	17
Whole school attendance this year			94.6%	School Target			96%

Holy Week - Next week our collective worship in school will focus on the events leading up to our Lord's death and resurrection. We will have a reflection in the hall at 2.45 pm to which all families are very welcome. In Church, there is the Mass of the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday at 8 pm; Good Friday service at 3pm and the Easter Vigil on Saturday at 8 pm. Father Dominic will provide the Sacrament and Reconciliation for our Catholic children in Years 4,5 and 6 on Tuesday after Mass in school. There is a penitential service in Church on Wednesday evening at 7pm. A reminder that school closes on Maundy Thursday for the Easter break.

PTA St Patrick's Cake and Samosa Sale. Thank you to the PTA members who gave up their time to organise the sale and also thank you to everyone who came along and bought cakes and samosas. The PTA's hard work raised a magnificent £226 which will be used to buy reading books and therefore benefit every child in the school.

The next meeting of the PTA is on 20th April at 2 pm. Please make every effort to attend.

DIARY DATES

- **Tues 27th March** - Year 4 Mass 9.30am - all welcome
- **Wed 28th March** - Easter Bonnet/Competition Judging - 9.10am - all welcome
- **Thurs 29th March** - SCHOOL CLOSSES 3.15PM EASTER BREAK
- **Mon 16th April** - SCHOOL RE-OPENS
- **Tues 24th April** - Year 1 workshop 9.30am

Parking A small number of parents are putting lives at risk by parking on the zig-zag lines. This is always a case of convenience for the adult being placed above the safety of the child. Whatever your reason, please stop yourself from parking on the zig-zag lines and help keep our children safe.



Litter - We are very grateful to two of our parents who pick up litter on the pavements around the school. Whilst some of the litter blows down from Moseley, sadly, some of it is caused by our own families. Please do not drop litter as it is a poor example to our children; damages our environment and just means more work for someone else.



Parents - please promote your child's independence by 1) allowing them to walk independently into their lines while standing at the top end of the playground. Any messages for teachers, please take to the office so we can begin lessons promptly.

2) not carrying their bags for them especially Key Stage 2 children

Our School Nurse will be holding drop in sessions on Thursday 29th March from 1.00pm until 3.00pm. Please pay her a visit if you wish to discuss any issues or concerns regarding your child's health/well-being.

School Dinners The cost of school dinners is rising to £2.30 with effect from 1st April 2018. This still represents excellent value for money for freshly prepared meals of very high nutritional standards. In this time of national concern about the impact of poor diet on children's health, it is very important to take advantage of school dinners. You are welcome to come and talk to me at any time about school dinners.

Congratulations to Isla in Year 4 who has had her haircut in order to donate some of it to the Little Princess Foundation to be made into wigs for very seriously ill children. This is a fantastic cause and we are very proud of Isla. Information about this charity can be found at www.littleprincess.org.uk

Year 2 Assembly- We had a fantastic turn out of parents for the Year 2 class assembly. The children combined song, poetry, art and speech to deliver an excellent, entertaining assembly about the Great Fire of London. Well done to all the children and to Ms Hughes, Mrs Banks and Mrs Yates for preparing them so well.

Walk to School Competition Winners

Spring – Amina Year 3 Summer – Caitlin Year 5

Autumn – Finlay Year 2 Winter – Oskar Year

Well done to everyone who entered.





Why not join us for Breakfast Club next week where you can join in with our Easter Activities?

Doors open at 8am every day.



Today we said goodbye to Miss Stock our student teacher in Year 5. She has worked very well with Mr Clark and taught with skill and clarity. We wish her all the best for her future career as she continues her studies at Newman University .

 **Year 4 and Year 5 Football Team** – Well done to our Year 4 and Year 5 football team who played with great skill last Friday in a tournament at Yardley Wood. The team was: Tane, Reuben, Tyriq, Tygh, Esa, Isa, Musa, Tesiah, Aaron and Rahim. I was particularly impressed by the attitude of the Year 4 boys. Thank you to the parents and families who came along to support and to Miss Haydon for organising the team.

 **Moseley C of E 3 St Martin de Porres 3** In an exciting local derby this week, our first team played brilliantly. Well done to the team of Raeden, Lucas, Dominic, Harveer, Isa, Esa, Tane, Reuben and Tyriq. Particular congratulations go to Raeden, Tane and Tyriq who scored our goals.

Our children benefit greatly from being heard reading – it helps with their understanding and interpretation of text. If you are able to volunteer to help us offer children more opportunities to do this, even for an hour a week on a regular basis, please leave your name with the school office or speak to Mrs Braithwaite. Thank you.

Parish Events

Sunday Mass in Church 10 am

Youth Club (Y4 and above) 7pm Fridays in the parish hall

Young Children's Club after Sunday Mass in the parish hall

St Brendan's Gaelic Football Club- Open Evenings

Gaelic football is a fantastic game to play. St Brendan's Club are holding Open Evenings for boys and girls under 6 upwards on Thursdays 12th and 19th April 6.15pm and 7.30pm. For more details contact Tara 07739473398 or Paula 07716853401