

*We learn and pray, in faith and love*



19.3.2021

Dear families of St. Kentigern's,

### **St. Patrick's Day assembly**

Thank you to Miss Stafford for organising our assembly this year. Obviously, it was a much quieter event than normal but we still managed to squeeze in a little bit of singing and a little bit of dancing.

### **Children's reading books**

During lockdown, reading books were provided to the children. Thank you to those families who have returned them, however, we have a substantial number which have not been returned. The books are part of the children's reading scheme and so we need them to be returned as soon as possible so that all children can develop their reading. Thank you.

### **School Uniform**

Please remember, earrings of any description are not permitted and school shoes must be worn, not trainers. Long hair should be tied back and hairstyles must comply with our school policy. This includes that hair should not be cut shorter than a number 3. Our full school policy can be found on the school website under the "Parent Information" tab

### **A message from Fr. Michael.**

Hello and I hope we are all well and being careful in these times of pandemic. Lent is racing towards Holy Week and Easter and the numbers of people coming to church seem to be growing each week. The Wednesday evening mass at 6pm is now a popular mass, with the evenings becoming lighter and brighter. Maybe you

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and your family would like to join us, this weekend, we begin a special prayer across the world. Pope Francis has called for this to be a year of more prayer and celebration of “St. Joseph and the family,” from 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021 to 26<sup>th</sup> June 2022. Let us not just think of St. Joseph as a statue saint seen at Christmas, but a saint for every day, to support our family at St. Kentigern’s and inspire us as a model of humility and gentleness, trusting in God, always. Maybe after Covid and after Easter, we can arrange a celebration of Faith with St. Joseph and St. Kentigern as our theme.

Also, on Tuesday, across the country, we will stop and say a special prayer as this pandemic is a year old, so let us all find a moment to pray, today, Tuesday and every day. A prayer asking for healing and health and compassion for all.

Happy St. Joseph’s Day and Happy Lent. God bless you all.

### **National Day of Reflection and Prayer**

On Tuesday 23 March, the Government have declared a day of reflection to mark the first anniversary of the first coronavirus lockdown. The children will all take time to pray and reflect on what has been a very challenging year for us all.

There is so much on which to reflect and include in our prayer. We reflect in sorrow on all those who have died, whether family members, friends or those unknown to us personally. We reflect with compassion on all those who have suffered during this last year. We pray for their ongoing resilience, courage and capacity to forgive. We reflect with thanksgiving for the generosity, inventiveness, self-sacrifice and determination shown by so many in this most difficult of times. We pray for them, thanking God for their gifts and dedication. We reflect in hope that, as the pandemic is controlled and we open up our lives again, we will gather in the lessons we have learned and build our society into a better shape.

Never has our school mission statement, “We learn and pray, in faith and love” been more appropriate.

### **Food club**

I am delighted to say that our food club will continue for the foreseeable future. If you are interested in having a top up to your weekly shopping, please register at our school office.

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Chester joins in with the St. Patrick's Day celebrations.

With continued best wishes,

*Madeline Muldoon*

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Headteacher