

*We learn and pray, in faith and love*



26.3.2021

**PLEASE NOTE, SCHOOL WILL CLOSE AT 1.30PM ON WEDNESDAY 31<sup>ST</sup>  
MARCH**

Dear families of St. Kentigern's,

### **National Day of Reflection**

On March 23<sup>rd</sup>, the country marked the one-year anniversary of the first national lockdown. The children observed the minute silence to remember all those who have died during this time. They were incredibly respectful and were a credit to you all.

### **Vaccination Programme**

I am delighted to be able to say that all eligible members of staff have received their first vaccinations. This is a massive step in helping to ensure that we can move forward towards a time where restrictions no longer exist.

### **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.

### **Holy Week**

Monday marks the start of Holy Week in school. The children will be immersed in activities which will give them a deeper understanding of the importance of Lent and Easter. This will be done through music, art, drama and story writing. Teachers will share some of this amazing work with you through the class Seesaw account.

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

I hope you are well and staying safe and looking after each other. This weekend it is Palm Sunday; Holy Week begins and Lent is almost over, and for all Christian people, this is the greatest week of all the 52! We celebrate each day, remembering the love of God for us all. We take home palms made into crosses to welcome the Lord Jesus into our hearts and our homes; we keep Holy Thursday to remember how we are trying to serve one another, making our world a better place; we pray on Good Friday to say "Thank you" for Our Lord's generosity of the cross and then it is Easter, the gift of love forever shared with the world. Even in these strangest of strange days of Covid-19, we keep faith. God bless you all.

### **Holiday Activity Fund – Play scheme in a bag**

The Department for Education have delivered to all schools, a bag of activities for eligible families. These will be distributed throughout next week. Please note, school has had no input into deciding who should receive these bags or their contents.

### **New outdoor equipment**

Over the next month, new playground equipment will be installed in our Early Years playground area which will include a trim trail and a climbing frame. Additionally, new playground markings will be added to all playgrounds. We want to ensure that the children get every opportunity to make the most of outdoor learning.

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Chester helps Mr Hamer clear the way for the new playground equipment.

With continued best wishes,

*Madeine Muldoon*

Mrs Muldoon

Headteacher