



St Kentigern's R.C Primary School

6.1.2023

Dear families of St. Kentigern's,

Welcome back! I hope that you all managed to have a lovely Christmas and New Year.

Back to school advice issued amid high levels of flu, COVID-19 and scarlet fever

The Government has issued the following advice to help protect children and minimise the spread of illness in education settings and protect wider communities:

*Flu and coronavirus (COVID-19) are **currently circulating at high levels** and are likely to continue to increase in coming weeks. High numbers of scarlet fever, which is caused by group A streptococcus, is also reported. Hand hygiene continues to minimise infections and if your child is unwell **and** has a fever, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better and the fever has resolved.*

Extra-curricular clubs

Extra-curricular clubs will start again from Monday 9th January. The school office will keep you informed of any cancellations so please remember to check your Parent App notifications.

Traffic Measures

Thank you to our local PCSOs who came to school this week to help ensure the school drop off is safe for all our pupils. Thank you for complying with car parking regulations and remaining respectful of the local residents living around school.

Right of the week

Article 8 Identity

Children have the right to their own identity - an official record of who they are which includes their name, nationality and family relations. No one should take this away from them, but if this happens, governments must help children to quickly get their identity back.

Citizens Advice coffee morning

On the 20th January 9.00 -10.30am, school will be hosting a coffee morning with a member from the citizens advice team. This is an opportunity for families to seek guidance in regards to any financial, housing or other challenges you may be facing in regards to the current cost of living rises. All are welcome. Please could you register your interest at the school office by Wednesday 18th January - thank you.

Year 2 have stepped into the world of programming.

In computing this week Year 2 have been using BeeBots. They gave the BeeBots programming commands to create shapes and move the Beebots using their compass directions from geography to help. They have also begun to use iPads to programme their BeeBots. Well done Year 2!



Message from Fr. Michael

Happy new year and welcome back. I hope everyone is staying well and safe. I truly hope you had the most wonderful Christmas. This week, our prayer is the Epiphany! A major, super important, feast in the calendar of the church year. The gospel is the story of the wise ones bringing gifts of symbolic importance to the child Jesus. The son of God. Gold for his importance, frankincense for his spiritual message for all time, and myrrh to proclaim the suffering he will accept for us all! Now it is for us to offer to our God our gifts; adoration and loyalty and devotion and service and love. Remember the great Christmas carol "In the bleak midwinter.... What can I give him.... if I were a shepherd I would give a lamb, if I were a wise one, I will give my heart."
Happy new year everyone. St Kentigern and St Joseph pray for us.

With continued best wishes,

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Headteacher



Chester is made an honorary PCSO