

20.1.2023

Dear families of St. Kentigern's,

### **Roof Repairs**

As you will have noticed, scaffolding is in place around the KS1 classrooms. The reason for this is that the roof is being repaired. We have been advised that this could take up to ten weeks to complete. Whilst there is a degree of inconvenience, we are very pleased that the work is being completed.

#### First Holy Communion

This is the time of year where our Year 3 children, who wish to make their First Holy Communion, begin their Sacramental Programme. Information regarding this has been sent home. This is a gentle reminder that all completed forms must be returned to Father after mass by 30th January. Forms cannot be returned to school.

## See Saw Parent Messaging

As you are aware, See Saw online learning was introduced during the Covid-19 pandemic when school was closed to the majority of pupils. It has proven to be highly successful and we are delighted with how it has encouraged a high standard of homework completion. Part of the package included the parent messaging facility which was essential when school couldn't be accessed. As we are now out of the pandemic and there is no longer any concern about further lockdowns, the messaging facility will be removed over the weekend. Communication will return to the normal processes of contacting the school office who will pass on any messages throughout the school day. Please be aware that teachers will no longer be able to see any messages sent through See Saw.

#### We learn and pray, in faith and love

### Year 1 (Pine) Assembly

Thank you to Year 1 Pine for their amazing assembly this week. We loved learning about the countries that make up the United Kingdom, their capital cities and their Patron Saints.

## Year 3 (Willow) Digital Map Explorers!

Year 3 have been exploring digital maps and located some familiar places (Manchester, school, St Kentigern's church and the airport) from a bird's eye view! We discussed the uses of digital maps and the importance of keeping them updated.



### Year 1 (Pine) Scientists!

This week, year one had great fun in science learning about the different parts of plants. They worked hard discussing the functions of each part of the plant before dissecting the plants, observing the different parts of the plants using magnifying glasses, and sorting them into the correct categories.

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# Year 6 Scientists!

Year Six have been learning all about Carl Linnaeus and his classification system. To help to understand this further, the children created their own classification system for sweets by sorting and classifying them. Some of them even thought of scientific names for their 'species' of sweets! They enjoyed working collaboratively and thinking like scientists!



## Message from Fr. Michael

Hello and I hope everyone is well. With the arrival of the snow this week, I think we all felt the cold; not enough snow for skiing, but cold enough to bring the temperature down. This next week sees out Diocese thinking about the role of CARITAS the way we go above and beyond trying to help those who are homeless, hungry or deprived. Let us remember in our prayers, in class and at home, those who need us, those who need help. I know so much is done through school and church to be the Good Samaritan, and this is the duty of the family of God. So, as we see the snow and feel the cold, let us think how we can help those around us who are in need. Have a warm and brilliant weekend.

St. Kentigern, pray for us.

With continued best wishes,

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Headteacher



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