

Parents update Thursday 3rd March

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a good half term break with your families, despite the changeable weather. We're straight back into the swing of things with lots going on in school. Year 1 and 2 have had a trip on an aeroplane, EYFS have been planting and Father Emmanuel came into say mass for us on Ash Wednesday. Please look on our twitter feed to see photos of some of the lovely things going on across the school.

Here are some news items for this week:

Ukraine – We have offered prayers this week for people from Ukraine. We will be organising some fundraising to support those affected by the war in the week or so.

World Book Day – We are celebrating this tomorrow (Friday 4th March). Children may wear costumes related to their favourite books or their pyjamas and their favourite bedtime story. We've also asked classes to make a book in a box and some of these have come in to school already – they look great. Also we would like you to get crafty and create a story in a box! All you need is a shoe box or cardboard box. Cut the front off the box and create a 3D scene from your favourite story using whatever you like!



Reading for pleasure
is the single **biggest**
indicator of a **child's future**
success, more than **family**
circumstances, **parents'**
educational background
or **income***.

*OECD and others.

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Moki Bands – We are re-introducing Moki bands as a wellbeing initiative for the children from Y2-Y6. These are pedometers which the children will wear at school. At the end of the day the children can see how many steps they have done whilst they're here. We have used them before and they are great fun. They are, however, expensive and as we would with reading books or any other school equipment, we will ask parents to contribute £5 should a child lose or damage their Moki band.

School carpark – please can I remind parents again not to park on the entrance to the school drive or to drive into the carpark (even for afterschool club). We have had a couple of near misses recently. We are unable to “police” this and really shouldn't have to.

Safeguarding Online – We were surprised this week by the extent of the children's knowledge about the war in Ukraine. Some children told us they had been watching footage online late into the night. Please monitor your children's online activity.


Please can I draw your attention to a new app called “Wink” which has been described as a “Tinder for children.” Here is a link to the parental guidance.

Safety in the home – Please see the attached information which has been circulated around Accident and Emergency Departments on the dangers of Super Strong Magnet Toys. Click here to see this very important information.


Bag to school - We are having a Bag2School collection on Wednesday 9th March. They (the Bag2School people) will collect donated bags of unwanted clothes (on that day) and in return we will raise some money for our school fund. Please clear out

your cupboards – time to de-clutter!


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St John Bosco R C (VA) Primary School



Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.



By using this paper leaflet we are helping to reduce unnecessary extra plastic. Please use your own bag or bags (there is no limit). The leaflet is FSC accredited, please recycle it.



When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:
Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.
(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)


The more we weigh the more we pay!
Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit

Please return your Bag2School on:


Wednesday 09 March 2022 by 9am



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Thank you for your continued support.

With love and prayers,

Mrs Johnson