

Parents Update Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Dear Parents and Carers,

Some items for your attention

**Healthy Start Card** - Families with young children can benefit from regular payments towards their weekly shopping by applying to the NHS Healthy Start scheme. If you are currently receiving Healthy Start paper vouchers you must reapply at [www.healthystart.nhs.uk](http://www.healthystart.nhs.uk) by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 as the paper voucher scheme is coming to an end.

From April 2022, eligible families who have reregistered will receive a Healthy Start card that they will reuse instead of paper vouchers which will no longer be issued. If you do not reapply, you will not be sent any further Healthy Start Vouchers and you will not receive a Healthy Start card.

Healthy Start cards can be used to purchase fruit, vegetables, milk at participating shops, foodbanks and pantries. The Healthy Start card is accepted wherever you see the Mastercard sign displayed. **Please click here for further information and how to apply.**

**Ukraine Appeal** – I know many of you are keen to donate items to be taken to the Polish border and the Ukraine to help those who are suffering. I believe there is no longer a need for clothing but there is a shortage of the following items:

- Plasters
- Antiseptic wipes / creams
- Bandages
- Toothbrushes & Toothpaste
- Nappies and wipes
- Shampoo
- Hairbrushes

If you would like to contribute – please donations of these items into school on Thursday this week.

**Bag2School – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Ukraine donations – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March**

**Lent Bag** – Lent in a bag. The youngest child in each family will be bringing home a purple bag for one night during Lent. Inside you will find a wooden holding cross, an electronic candle and some prayer ideas. These are for you to spend a prayerful moment together as a family and return the bag the following day.

**St Dominic's House (Red)** – Children in St Dominic's house won the award for the most housepoints between January and half term. They may wear their own clothes this Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March.

Thank you so much for your continued support.

With love and prayers,

Mrs Johnson