

25/11/24

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely start to this term we have had! We are excited to share how wonderfully engaged our students are in their learning this term. It's fantastic to see the enthusiasm and curiosity that each child brings to the classroom.

Our term began with a beautiful Remembrance Service with many pupils leading much of it. The whole school, including Nursery, took part in a respectful two minute silence. Some of Governors attended and were involved. It was a moving, poignant start to the new term.

A special highlight has been the positive impact of our pupil responsibilities programme. Those students taking on these roles are not only thriving personally but are also setting an impressive example for their peers. The Faith teams are showing dedication to their roles and are a really important part of our school. The Guardian Angels are supporting prayer and liturgy and collective worship regularly. They are becoming more confident leading prayers and reading the gospel to the whole school.

The Mini Vinnies had a lovely lunchtime meeting with Margaret Dolan, a volunteer at St Vincent De Paul. The children found out so much about how the charity works and how it supports families in the local area.

It has also been a joy seeing some of the older reading ambassadors reading with the younger children in KS1. They are so good with them, it's lovely.

Our class buddies helped to sort out our new playground equipment and put it into class boxes. The children have loved having some new equipment and are enjoying playing games and being more active in their breaks.

Thank you!

Thank you so much to everyone who donated chocolate last Thursday for the St John Bosco Parish fair and thanks to the parents who came in yesterday to prepare the chocolate tombola for the fair. It was really kind of you. The parish fair is at St John Bosco Church Hall on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1pm. Come along and support our parish.

PTA

We have a small but dedicated PTA (Parents and Teachers Association) group who help with organising and preparing fundraising events. We are a friendly group who enjoy have a laugh and a chat while doing jobs that need doing such as – preparing raffle tickets, sorting out presents and sweets for stalls etc. Please support our school by coming to the next meeting and helping out. We really need more volunteers.

Instagram

Please download Instagram and follow us on our page. You will see so many pictures of the many things that your children do in school. You will also see reminders of events and special occasions.

### Financial support

We understand that financial difficulties can arise for many families, and we want to assure you that our school is here to help. If you are experiencing any challenges, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. We have a variety of resources and support programs available to assist families in need.

Your well-being and that of your children are our top priorities. Please feel free to contact us confidentially; we are here to support you.

### Communication with school staff

We understand that incidents may arise that can be frustrating or concerning, however, we kindly ask that all communication with our staff is respectful, calm and you do not shout.

Speaking aggressively to school staff is inappropriate, unnecessary and can hinder our ability to address issues effectively and collaborate toward solutions. We will not tolerate this kind of behaviour and will ask parents to leave the premises or discontinue conversations if this occurs.

We value open dialogue and encourage you to approach our team with any concerns you have, as we are here to support and work together with you for the best interests of your child, but it must be in an appropriate manner tone.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in ensuring we work in partnership in creating a positive school environment for our children.

### Punctuality

Our school is educating children for the Department for Education's recommended time of 6.5 hours a day. Our timings are 8.45am to 3.15pm. Your children are expected, by law, to be in school for that length of time every day, therefore punctuality is crucial. The lessons start immediately after the register at 8.45am.

We have always kept a record of how many minutes late children are and we are required to do this by law. We introduced the signing in system for parents to sign your own children in to ensure accuracy of reasons why children are coming in late and leaving early and accuracy of timings.

It is imperative that you sign your child in if they are late. This is following Health and Safety regulations in case of a fire or other event leading to an evacuation of the premises.

Punctuality is crucial for your child's academic success and overall development. Being on time helps children settle into their daily routine, promoting a sense of security and discipline. It sets a positive example, teaching responsibility and respect for others' time, which are essential life skills. Please support school and your child by bringing them in on time.

Dates for your diary for the next few weeks...

7.11.24- Year 1 trip to Science & Industry museum  
29.11.24- Bag2School clothing pick up- put bags of clothes outside the entrance in the morning  
29.11.24- Non uniform day- Please bring bottles of either alcohol or soft drinks  
3.12.24- 3.15pm Advent Stay and Pray in the school hall  
4.12.24- Mass of Advent- Year 3 & 4 parents are invited to join us at 9am  
5.12.24- Non uniform day- Please bring chocolates for our fair  
6.12.24- School Christmas Fair 3.30pm – 5pm  
8.12.24- Parish Christmas Carol service at SJB church. Our choir will be singing. (2pm)  
11.12.24- Christmas dinner day  
12.12.24- Christmas jumper day  
12.12.24- EYFS Christmas play performance (9.15am)  
13.12.24- Santa dash- sponsored run  
16.12.24- Choir singing at Each Step care home  
17.12.24- No swimming  
18.12.24- KS1 Christmas play performance (9.15am)  
18.12.24- KS2 Carol concert at St John Bosco Church (afternoon- time to be confirmed)  
19.12.24- 1.30pm- Panto- Snow White  
20.12.24- Break up