

**ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Dear Parents,

27th February 2007

Welcome back. I hope that you all had an enjoyable break and a change from the usual routines.

Staffing

As some of you are aware, Miss Hawkley left us at half-term to take up a post closer to home. Naturally this has posed a problem for us with staffing. Where possible I prefer not to use unknown teachers from agencies or indeed put different supply teachers in the class every day. Arrangements until Easter will be as follows:

Miss Adamson will be in charge of the Nursery
Mrs. O'Neil will move to Reception class
Mrs. Beaton will move to Year 3

I am grateful to the above staff for their willingness and co-operation in helping to meet the immediate needs of the school.

I will let you know the arrangements for after Easter as soon as they are finalised. I apologise for any disruption that there may have been to your child's class.

Lent

As you are no doubt aware Lent began last week on Ash Wednesday. We are following the Cathedral theme to 'Live Simply'.

To mark Lent we will be:

- (1) Holding special class led collection worship on a Friday at 9.00 a.m. Do try and join us.
- (2) Supporting the 'Catholic Children's Society', Good Shepherd Appeal by doing extra jobs to earn money or going without sweets or chocolate and putting the money saved in the box.
- (3) Collecting 5ps to support CAFOD which is the Cathedral's Lenten charity. Please check your pockets and purses. The coins may be small but they really can make a difference. Every 3 seconds a child dies of malnutrition. Help to fight this

poverty.

Book Week

Don't forget that this week is book week. Books will be on sale after school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Wednesday is the dress as a book character from a traditional tale day.

During this week we are also holding a book amnesty. Please check all bedrooms (especially under beds) for any library books.

16th March

This is 'Comic Relief' or Red Nose Day. The children are invited to wear something red to school on this day and to pay 50p which then goes to this worthwhile cause.

Parents Evenings

These take place on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday 12th, 13th, 14th, or 15th March from 3.45 – 5.30 p.m. Please sign the list on your child's classroom door which will go up after school on the 6th March. Please don't telephone the office and ask Mrs. Wilson or Mrs. Philip to make the appointments. Your child can sign up on your behalf.

On this occasion Reception Parents Evening will take place during the school day on Thursday 8th March. Mrs. Beaton will be available for the appointments. Please sign the list as usual.

Nits!

Don't worry we are not being infested any more than we usually are, but I do hopefully have a solution for those of you whose children are continually plagued by nits.

A new comb (invented by mums) has come on to the market that removes eggs as well as lice from conditioned hair. The combs, called 'Nitty Gritty', can be purchased from chemists at £10.99. We have managed to buy directly from the suppliers and are happy to be able to sell them to you for £6.00. I hope this will be the solution to the problem that I know families find so frustrating.

This is a very short half-term and so will be very busy. I thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

C.M. Hobbs
Headteacher