



Friday 13th January 2023

"Kind words are like honey, sweet to the soul and healthy for the body." Proverbs 16:24

Dear Families,

We hope that you have had a good week. It has been wonderful to see the children trying their best and working hard in school this week.

By now I hope that you have all received your child's **Curriculum Overview** for this term. This will give an overview of the key learning that will take place in your child's class. It also details the homework project for this term. In addition to the information on this sheet the children will also have two weekly PE sessions – one led by our Sport Coaches Vinny or Rhea, and one led by the class teacher. They will also have a weekly music lesson led by Mrs Thompson. If you have any queries or questions, please do speak to your child's class teacher, or send them a message via Class Dojo.

In our whole school assembly this week we reflected on the impact using kind words has on us as individuals and on our whole school community. We have discussed how kind words can make us feel good on the inside and help to spread love and joy in our school.

We acknowledged the difference between kind words we use when we pay people a **compliment** and when we show **good manners**.

This week in school the children have been focusing on showing good manners by using the simple acronym of **STEPS** to remind them:

- S – smile
- T – thank you
- E – excuse me
- P – please
- S – sorry

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,
God bless,
Mrs Dabbs

Dates for the Diary

Monday 23rd Jan – PTFA Meeting in School ALL parents welcome

Tuesday 24th Jan – Open Classrooms – RE Focus

Tuesday 31st Jan – St Thomas Aquinas Feast Day

Monday 13th Feb – Parents Evening

Tuesday 14th Feb – Parents Evening

HALF TERM BREAK

School Closed Monday 20th Feb – Friday 24th Feb

Prayer of the Week

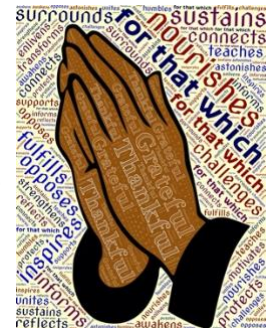
Holy Spirit,

You help me to be kind and thoughtful.

You help me to listen and pray.

Thank you for all the blessings you have given me today.

Amen



A MESSAGE FROM FATHER CHRIS...

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION. We are now looking forward to First Holy Communion this year.

Applications forms are available from Fr Chris after any Mass. It is for children in year 3 and above, the first meeting for parents will take place on **Thursday 19th January 2023 at 7.00pm in the Octagonal Hall** when we will introduce the course and discuss the plan. **If you have any queries, please do speak to Fr Chris or any member of staff.**

PTFA Meeting

Mr Van Der Leit, our Chair of the PTFA is calling all parents to attend our next PTFA meeting on **Monday 23rd January at 6pm, in school.** We would love to see as many of you there as possible, so that we can share ideas and plan our social events for the children, adults, and families. Please do join us!

Timings for the start of the day...

The school gates open from **8:30am**. The classrooms open from **8:40am** and all children must be in class by **8:50am** for the start of lessons.

The school gates close at 8:50am.

Please arrive promptly at school to ensure that your child does not miss any learning time. Thank you.