



Message from Mrs Eccles

It has been very busy since we returned after the Christmas break. We have also enjoyed a full range of different weather. It was lovely to see all our children enjoy playing in the snow! Thank you for your continued support for all that we do in school.



SAFETY IN THE HOME WORKSHOP

Thursday 29th February at 9.15am



On Thursday 29th February we will be hosting a safety in the home workshop for all parents. The workshop will start at 9.15am and will last for an hour. There will be refreshments available.

This workshop offers information and advice for parents/carers on how to prevent unintentional injuries for children. It covers basics on road safety, water safety and home safety.



Whole school attendance year to date stands at **95.5%**

The class with the highest attendance so far this year is **Year 5/6C with 97.7%**

Children's Mental Health Week

Children's Mental Health Week 2024 runs from the 5th- 11th February .

This year's theme is 'Express Yourself.'

In school we will be encouraging the children to use their voice to talk about things that matter to them.



Food Discovery

LKS2 are taking part in Food Discovery this year. They started the project with some cooking, and now moved on to planting vegetables that they can watch grow. Once they are ready to harvest, they will be hosting a farmers' market in the school playground.



Upcoming Trip

Our Year 3 pupils will be attending Parthian Climbing Centre on 6th, 7th & 8th February.

Football Update



Our Excel boys football team took part in a tournament at MUFC this month - they came fourth in the league and played some exceptional football.

They have league games against Moston Fields and Crab Lane upcoming!

School Meal Selection at Home

You can now order your child's meals up to 4 weeks in advance on the ParentPay website. This can only be used for children in Years 1-6 (Nursery & Reception orders are completed in school).



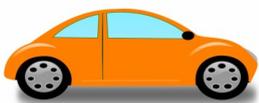
Please note, you must pay in advance when you order your meals.

Reminder—School closes on Friday 16th February at 3.15pm for our half term holiday. School will reopen on Monday 26th February at 8.45am.



Check out the 'Useful Links' page on our school website for more information on what is going on in our local community, help with finance, health & safeguarding.

Please could we remind all parents/carers to show courtesy to each other and to our school neighbours by using care and consideration when driving and parking on the streets around school. Many thanks for your continued support!



Road Safety Tips from Brakes.

- ◆ Children under 8 should always hold a grown up's hand when walking near roads.
- ◆ Children under 8 should always cross roads with a grown up, at a safe crossing place.
- ◆ Until they are 150cm tall, all children should sit in a correctly sized and fitted child seat when travelling by car.
- ◆ Children under 10 should not cycle on roads, but should keep to cycle paths away from motorised traffic.
- ◆ Children should always wear a helmet when cycling to protect their head if they fall off.






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BEAVERS⁺
Aged 5 ¼ to 8 years - Tuesday 6.15pm to 7.15pm

cubs⁺
Aged 8 to 10 years - Wednesday 7.00pm to 8.30pm

SCOUTS⁺
Aged 10 to 13 years - Tuesday 7.30pm to 9.00pm



First Communion. Registration for families for the sacramental program for first Holy Communion will take place in St Dunstan's sacristy on Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th February from 6pm till 7pm. This is only for children living in the parish and in Year 4 and above.

Adults First Communion. Any adults or teenagers wishing to make their first Holy Communion can also register their interest at the same time on those evenings.

Confirmation. The Bishop will be confirming young people in year 8 and above, in two places in the deanery. On Sunday 2nd June, 2.00 pm at St Clare's and on Wednesday 5th June, 7.00 pm at St Patrick's. Please let Father Saunders know ASAP if you would like your older children to be included in the ceremony as they need to undergo preparation.

