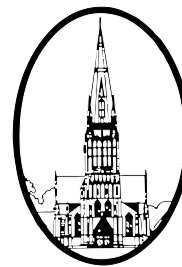


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*'Through God's love,  
we strive to be the best we can be.'*

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you had an enjoyable and restful half-term break.

**Small teaching groups:** Mrs McKelvey, Mr Bentley and Mr Tittle are each taking a group for English and Maths this half term which gives the children the opportunity to have increased teacher intervention and to really focus on their next steps to be ready for secondary school.

**Last term's assembly:** Thank you to everyone who came to our assembly last half term. We really enjoyed performing it and we are looking forward to practising the end of year production once SATs are out of the way.

**Boosters:** Thank you to the children who have consistently been attending boosters. It has made a real difference. Thank you to parents/carers for helping your children to arrive so early to school.

**Drinking water:** We have cups at the back of the classroom for children who do not bring a water bottle and we are happy for children to get water at appropriate times during lessons. However, the expectation at many secondary schools may be that children get water and go to the toilet during their breaks. We are therefore encouraging children to manage their time more effectively.

### Curriculum Information

#### Spring 2 – Year 6

<b>English</b>	For inspiration we have been looking at the spooky story of 'Alma' and writing our own adaptation. During Science Week we will be doing writing linked to Science and then will continue with the spooky story theme. We continue to learn spelling and grammar both as part of writing lessons and as discrete sessions. We have reading lessons everyday where we are working as a class to gain the skills needed to answer questions accurately in a time limit to be ready for the SATs.
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<b>Maths</b>	We regularly look at arithmetic skills. In addition we will be studying: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Angles</li> <li>• Geometry</li> <li>• Decimals, fractions and percentages</li> <li>• Ration and proportion</li> </ul>
<b>RE</b>	We have looked at Monastic Traditions and we will be moving on to study the importance of Lent and Easter to Christians.
<b>Topic</b>	We have had DT week already where the children did brilliantly making electric cars. Next week is Science week where we will be constructing once again (thank you parents and carers for the juice cartons) We will spend some afternoon lessons revising key content for Maths or SPaG and so we do not have an overarching theme for this half term.
<b>PSHE</b>	This half term we will be focussing on coping with uncomfortable feelings such as stress. We have also started daily compliments. Each child will be chosen at random to be given compliments by their classmates which they will take home and display in class.
<b>PE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indoor PE (Wednesday) Football</li> <li>• Outdoor PE (Friday) Football</li> </ul>
<b>Homework</b>	Homework will continue to be sent out every Friday and returned the following <b>Thursday</b> . Reading records will be expected in every <b>Friday</b> .

**Punctuality**      School gates open at 8.50am each morning  
School day ends at 3.30pm

We look forward to working with you all during what I'm sure will be a successful school term. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to come and talk to us in the playground after school or make an appointment at the school office. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Tittle, Mr Bentley & Ms McKelvey