



## ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS TRUST

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Dear Parents,

Our first week back has passed very quickly. We are fast approaching the season of Lent. The children will receive ashes in school next week, which will mark the start of our observances.

#### **Father Andrew Fernandes RIP**

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February I attended the funeral mass for Father Andrew. It was a deeply moving experience and quite wonderful to see the church absolutely full. It was humbling to see so many past pupils of our school serving at this mass on the altar. The mass was a con-celebration and was led by Archbishop Peter. It is reassuring to know how loved our clergy are by the community. ✕

#### **Photographs**

On Wednesday morning we were visited by Braiswick Photographers. All the children who were in school had individual and group photographs taken. We expect the proofs to be with us soon.

#### **Happy School Bag**

Thank you for all your clothing donations for this collection, together we have raised £301.00 for the school.

#### **Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers**

We are collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Voucher, and the collection box can be found in the Reception area. These vouchers go towards valuable PE equipment.

#### **Zebra Crossing and traffic calming**

You will note that the traffic calming measures are complete and that the next stage is the completion of the Zebra Crossing. I am sure you will agree that these measures will make it safer for our children at the start and the end of the school day. We have already noticed a difference.

#### **Marie Curie Cancer Care**

We have taken delivery of our daffodils and we will begin fundraising at the start of March. This is a most deserving charity and we will also be supporting them with our annual Swimathon. Daffodils will be on sale throughout March. To learn more about their work, follow the link: <https://www.mariecurie.org.uk/>

#### **Assemblies**

There was no class assembly this week. Next week it will be the turn of the children of Class 4C. By the end of the week we hope to have forthcoming assemblies posted to the website.

The achievement certificates this week are awarded to Allysa in 3B, Chiemerie in 3K, Varshaa in 4C, Enola in 4D, Jones in 5L, Zhegia in 5V, Darlene in 6C and Onose in 6O. The Swimmer of the week is Darlington in 3B and the Headteacher's award goes to Julia in 6O.

Have a restful weekend.

Best wishes,

A.J. McDonald

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