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Dear Parents,

Welcome back after half term, I hope you have had an enjoyable holiday despite the wind and rain!

Thank you to all the parents who are helping their children to be more punctual for school in the morning. This not only helps your child to have a good start to the day but also stops the disruption of lessons for the rest of the class.

Just a quick letter to inform you about some of the things that will be happening this term.

Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Communion

Some of our Y3 children will be making their 'First Confession' and receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Communion this year. Can I just take this opportunity to thank this group of parents for their amazing support in bringing their children to Mass. Many people have commented on the children's enthusiasm, commitment and excellent behaviour. They are a credit to you and our school and we feel very proud of them.

York

Y5 go on their 3 day residential to York on Wednesday, we hope they have a wonderful time.

Parent Support

Our school nurse will be running a session tomorrow afterschool (Feb 25th) for parents who wish to discuss sleep and behaviour at home.

Lent

As you are aware we are in the season of 'Lent' which is the time when we prepare for Easter. There will be several services led by the children during this time. Y5 and Y6 will be leading 'Stations of the Cross' on Thursday 12th March and 19th March at 2pm in Church. All parents are welcome to join us.

There will also be a Junior Easter Play in Church on Friday March 27th at 2pm. This will be led by Y6

The children have all been encouraged to do something extra for Lent such as say an extra prayer or be kind. Please support your child with this.

Y5 will be holding an Easter Egg raffle in school on the last week of term so please bring in 10p for a ticket

Red Monze Sport Relief Day: Non Uniform

Friday March 13th children need to bring 50p for Africa and can wear red for the day or sport's clothes. All proceeds will be going to Monze in Africa to support Sister Marianna and the school we have helped to build. During this day children will be asked to take part in various sporting activities.

Easter Disco

There will be a PTFA Easter Disco on Thurs March 26th. Please look out for more details coming.

Times are as follows:

Nursery/Rec: 1.30-2.15

Y1&Y2: 2.15-3.15

Y3&Y4: 3.15-4.15

Y5&6: 4.15-5.15pm

Zoolab

Are coming to the Infants and Nursery on Fri March 6th

World Book Day: March 5th

Children are invited to dress up as characters from a book of their choice (this can be any book they like)

As this year is the 'Year of the Word' we have been focusing on the Bible in school and talking about the importance of the Word of God. To celebrate this 'extra special' book children are invited to come dressed as a character or something from the Bible. There will be prizes for the most creative and inspirational ideas.

Please note YOU DO NOT HAVE TO COME DRESSED AS SOMETHING FROM THE BIBLE this is for those children who are interested or have a creative idea.

Parent's Evening

Parent's Eve is the week commencing March 16th

Running and climbing

Well done to our fabulous Y4 cross country runners who did us proud in Carlisle last month. Thank you too to the supportive parents for taking the children up there. Well done also to our 'climbing team' who managed to gain an excellent team time.

Football

Thank you to Mr Ireland who has been training our football team on a Tues afterschool. Unfortunately Mr Ireland cannot continue to provide this club and we were wondering if there are any other interested parents out there who could help?

Netball

This year the Primary Netball League will run from a central venue (Hoops) over 3 weeks and the top 4 teams will then compete in the league finals at a separate event, to see who will represent Furness in the School Games County Final. For the first time the league will include boys.

Dates: Monday 9th, 16th & 23rd March (League Finals for top 4 teams Monday 20th April)

Time: 3.30-5pm 1st game begins at 3.30pm prompt

Venue: Hoops

St Columba's will be entering a team which consists of 5 girls and 2 boys. Mrs Darroch will be choosing the team in the next week and providing training

Dates for this term

Lazer Tag: Wed Feb 26th

Rec Mass: Tues March 3rd 9.15am

World Book Day: March 5th

Zoolab: March 6th

Netball: March 9th, 16th and 23rd : Y6 see details above

Y6 Mass: March 10th

Stations of the Cross: March 12th and March 19th 2pm in Church

March 13th: Red Monze Day

March 16th: Parent's Eve week

March 17th: Mass Y5

March 18th: Y6 trip to Windermere Museum

March 24th : End of Term Mass 9.15am

March 26th: Easter Disco

March 27th 2pm: Easter Play in Church

March 27th: Will be a non- uniform day to raise money for T Shirts for our Keswick to Barrow teams. The PTFA have 2 teams walking for our school and we hope to raise money for I pads in school.

I think that is everything so far, if you have any questions or concerns then please don't hesitate to call into school.

Thank you for your support

Mrs C M O'Donnell