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Dear Parents,

Candlemas Eucharist Thank you to everyone who was able to join us to celebrate this important feast and to Father Jenkins for celebrating the Eucharist for us. As always, all the children sang beautifully and a special thanks to the children in Y21P and Y2C, who read, acted and served, for their hard work.

A date for your diary ... Our next Eucharist will be on Thursday 29th March - it will be a special Maundy Thursday Eucharist at 2pm. My thanks go to Father Jenkins for offering to celebrate this Eucharist on this important day in Holy Week. This is an addition to the termly calendar.

Class worship Well done to Y1NW for their fantastic worship. They really made us think about *kindness* and of the many ways that we can show kindness. Our next class worship will be led by Y1G on 14th March.

Open classrooms It was good to see lots of you in school this week - your children really do enjoy sharing their work with you.

Parent / Teacher Meetings - Thursday 15th March 3.30pm to 6pm and Tuesday 20th March 5.30pm to 8pm These meetings are a valuable opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with their classteacher and enjoy looking at their work in their classrooms. If you have not already signed up for an appointment time, please see your child's classteacher. Please remember that children must not be brought to school on these evenings as these meetings take place in the hall.

Reading at home Today the children in Year 2 have chosen a book from any shelf in our school library. Please support your child in reading the books if they are more difficult or help them to develop their comprehension skills if they have selected an easier read.

Bag2School Thank you to everyone who supported this venture - we really do appreciate it. We will wait and see how much we raised for school funds.

Phonics Drop-in Session (Letters & Sounds) My thanks go to Mrs Morum for organising this session. Please just ask if you have any further questions.

School Meals We will be on week 2 of the menu after half term, with pizza on Monday.

Headteacher's Awards

Week ending Friday 9th February



Y2C	Ryan Baron	Y2N	Tammy Egbeyemi
Y21P -Y2	Grace Weeden	Y1	Agni Mandal
Y1NW	Bailey Stanford	Y1G	Henri Short
ROF	Bailey Edhouse-Newton	RMN	Alexandra Unipan
RG	Kwame-Levi Boateng		

Attendance Cup This week's winners are Y1G with the fantastic 98.1%.



Punctuality Bear This week's winners are St Matthew's with 99.8%.



Writing Competition Every child will be coming home with a booklet explaining our half term writing competition. Mrs Nunn and Mrs O'Sullivan have put together an exciting half term

challenge. Please read through the booklet carefully. We are really looking forward to reading some amazing pieces of writing after half term. Get writing everyone!



Book

We are

looking forward to celebrating Book Week after half term. Our theme this year is poetry. The whole team are busy preparing lots of exciting activities for the week that will help to encourage your children to continue to have a love of books and reading, with a special focus on poetry.

Week

Book Swap Our annual Book Swap has proved to be very popular, so we are delighted to be holding it again this year. Each child is invited to donate a book that they no longer read. On Wednesday 28th February, each child will be asked to give 20p in order to take part in the book swap. They will then bring home a different donated book that they can get some use out of. We will be accepting books for the swap from straight after half term. Please give them to your child's classteacher.

Reading in School Book Week 2018 As you all know we really enjoy reading in school and we hope that a good number of you (Grandparents welcome too!) will be able to bring and share your favourite children's books with the children on Thursday 1st March. For Reception this will take place from 8.45am and for Key Stage 1 from 9am. This will be until 9.30am to enable parents with more than one child in school to visit more than one classroom as needed. This will take place in your child's classroom. We hope that many of you can join us to share many exciting books together.

World Book Day is Thursday, 1st March. We will be particularly celebrating World Book Day on Friday with our annual Book Character Day ...

Book Character Day is on Friday 2nd March. Every year we encourage the children to come dressed up. This year, as our theme for the week is poetry, we would like the children to be creative and come as a character from a rhyme or a poem, or representing their favourite poem. For example Humpty Dumpty for a familiar rhyme, or raindrops from the A. A. Milne poem 'Waiting at the Window'. We ask for a suggested donation of £1 towards school funds on this day. Your child will need suitable footwear as, weather permitting, we will be as active as ever!

Lent starts next Wednesday, 14th February. We will be focussing on Ash Wednesday in our worship straight after half term. During Lent, we will be thinking of Acts of Love that we can all do, to do something extra, or change our ways or to say a prayer for someone or a situation. Please talk to your children about our Lenten Acts of Love.



Yours sincerely,

C B L'Estrange

Caroline L'Estrange
Headteacher

Children's Health Project - Recipe of the week – Cereal Swaps

Could you be making a better choice?

Cereals are great, at times. They are quick, store well and often popular, although it would not be recommended for children to eat them every morning as there are more nutritious ways to start their day (such as peanut butter on wholemeal toast, porridge, avocado on toast, egg on toast, eggs and avocado, our Breakfast Muffin, a granola pot or bircher muesli).



However, when in a rush what cereal do you reach for?

Stop, try to avoid or only have on occasion:

Frosties, Sugar Puffs, Nesquick, Ricicles, Golden Nuggets, Coco Pops, Frosted Shreddies

These are a good start for a healthier swap:

Special K, Rice Krispies, Crunchy Nut, Cheerios, Alpen

Go for it! Even better options:

Shredded Wheat, Weetabix, Corn Flakes, Muesli, Bran Flakes, Granola (with no added sugar)