

Dear Parents

ROOF UPDATE

Finally our repair work is coming to an end and we are at the stage where access to the path between school and Church can be resumed. There is still some scaffolding at the end of school but this will be removed shortly.

OFFICE

We now have a full compliment of staff in the main office and Mrs Conroy is settling in well into her new role. Currently we have been looking at our attendance figures and there are a number of unexplained absences rising. Please note that if your child is absent and we have not been informed you will receive a text in the first instance and then this will be followed up with a phone call. Please can you help to reduce the workload of our office staff by informing school immediately if they are off sick. If you leave a message on the school answer machine please don't forget to state your child's year group.

BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all the parents who have utilised the book fair this week and who are choosing to reward their children for good work through a book. Enjoy your reading!

MENU

Monday:	Meatballs
	Cheese Pie
	Ham Grab bag
Tuesday:	Fish Finger Wrap
	Chilli Wrap
	Cheese Grab Bag
Wednesday:	Roast Pork
	Tikka Masala
	Cheese Panini
Thursday:	Cottage Pie
	Tomato Pasta
	Ham Grab Bag
Friday:	Fish Bites
	Pizza
	Cheese Grab Bag

Jacket Potato and the Salad Bar is available every day

VIP of the Week



Year R	Georgia Ramshead
Year 1	Harvey-James Crossley
Year 2	Alfie Brelsford
Year 3	Harry Atkinson

Writer of the Week



Year R	Spencer Gardner
Year 1	Ava Tattersall
Year 2	Matilda Jackson
Year 3	Thomas Grace



Our next collection is

Friday 13th March.

Please make sure all bags



Mrs McKeating won this amazing 'Hotel Chocolat hamper' (worth £40) and is raffling it to raise funds for Mission Possible 4.

There will also be three large Easter Eggs as additional prizes. If you would like a chance to win this delicious hamper please send in £1 for a ticket.

Chicken Pox

We have had a case of Chicken Pox in our school nursery this week. Please could any pregnant ladies and other people who might be at risk be made aware of this.

Advice of how to spot the signs and symptoms of Chicken Pox, and also treat them are available from the NHS website at:

www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Chickenpox.

Alternatively advice can be sought from your local GP practice or dialing 111.

St Johns the Baptist—New Sports Kit

We are please to have purchased a new PE kit for our children to wear whilst doing PE with school.

I am sure you will agree they look fantastic in the new PE kit.



Yesterday, the Coronavirus action plan was launched. This document sets out what the UK as a whole has done to tackle the Coronavirus (COVID-19), and what it plans to do next.

The action plan can be found here: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-action-plan

The document includes:

The role the public can play in supporting this response

Everyone can help support the UK's response by:

- following public health authorities' advice, for example on hand washing
- reducing the impact and spread of misinformation by relying on information from trusted sources, such as that on www.nhs.uk, www.nhsinform.scot, www.publichealth.hscni.net, https://gov.wales/coronavirus-covid-19 and www.gov.uk
- checking and following the latest FCO travel advice when travelling and planning to travel
- ensuring you and your family's vaccinations are up to date as this will help reduce the pressure on the NHS/HSCNI through reducing vaccine-preventable diseases
- checking on elderly or vulnerable family, friends and neighbours
- using NHS 111 (or NHS 24 in Scotland or NHS Direct Wales) (including online, where possible), pharmacies and GPs responsibly, and go to the hospital only when you really need to. This is further explained on the NHS website: When to go to A&E and Choose Well Wales
- being understanding of the pressures the health and social care systems may be under, and receptive to changes that may be needed to the provision of care to you and your family.
- accepting that the advice for managing COVID-19 for most people will be self-isolation at home and simple over-the-counter medicines
- checking for new advice as the situation changes

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13th March Friday Bags to school collection

13th Golden Book 2.30 pm

18th KS2 Film Night 6.15 pm

19th Sacrament of Reconciliation

(this will be held at St Johns Church)

A Return Trip to Kenya



On 19th May 2020 Mrs McKeating has organised a return trip to Kenya. This year a team of fifteen will be heading to Nairobi to work with the children in the children's homes and two schools.

Once again we are collecting donations of items that could be put to good use in Kenya. If you are able to help with any of the following items they would be most gratefully received and shared.

WE ARE COLLECTING

Bra's small sizes

Girls underwear

- dark colours (teenagers)

Soap

Flannels dark colours

Sun glasses for ladies

Woolly hats

This year we have linked up to the charity DAYS FOR GIRLS and they are providing us with 40 sanitary packs which provide special hygiene kits for girls. We are trying to collect items for the kits they are preparing for us.

Underwear is a symbol of status in parts of Kenya and there have been studies taken showing that the possession and the wearing of underwear has reduced crimes against women. Last year the Mamas at the project where we are working received the gift of a new bra and to say that they were delighted is an understatement! I have never been in a room of people so excited and grateful to receive a gift of such a basic item, one that we take for granted every day.

This year we are trying to develop a sponsorship programme. It costs £150 a year to send the children

school.

