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Through following Jesus, we aim to be a caring, happy school, where everyone is valued and appreciated and can reach their true potential. We hope to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with our God.

READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE

9th March 2023

Dear Parents/carers,

Diocesan Inspection

A huge thank you to all the parents and families who wrote such positive feedback on the online questionnaire. We all really appreciated your support and encouragement. When the report is able to be published I will let you know.

Strike update

Due to the NEU proposed teacher strike action due on Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March, the current expectation is that a number of classes will be closed, as you know we have to prioritise pupil safety and consider the number of staff available in school for each day. Please note your child may not have their usual teacher working with them on these days. As you know staff are fully entitled to make decisions about striking on a case by case basis and as you have previously been made aware, teachers do not have to inform school of their intention to strike until the morning of each strike day.

Class	Open or closed
Nursery Rainbow and Sunshine	Closed on 15 th and 16 th March
Reception Mrs Duffy	Open on 15 th and 16 th March
Reception Miss Rice	Open on 15 th and 16 th March
Year 1 Mrs O'Neil	Closed on 15 th and 16 th March
Year 1 Miss Young	Open on 15 th and 16 th March
Year 2 Mrs Langford	Open on 15 th and 16 th March
Year 2 Miss Dean	Closed on 15 th and 16 th March
Year 3 Miss Cherry	Open on 15 th and 16 th March
Year 3 Mrs McLean	Closed on 15 th and 16 th March
Year 4 Mr Bonnar	Open on 15 th and 16 th March
Year 4 Mr Peacock	Open on 15 th and 16 th March
Year 5 Miss MacMaster	Open 15 th March Closed 16 th March
Year 5 Miss Dolphin	Open 15 th March Closed 16 th March
Year 6 Mr Allen	Open on 15 th and 16 th March
Year 6 Mrs Black	Open on 15 th and 16 th March

Parent's evening

A link will be sent out to enable you all to book a slot to come into school to discuss your child's progress with the class teacher and look at their books. This term's parent's evening's will be held on Wednesday 29th March and Thursday 30th March.



During both parent's evenings, Mrs Kingston will be running workshops on a drop-in basis aimed at helping parent's support their children in dealing with anxiety. I know that her expertise will be well received by all of our families. You are welcome to attend the workshop and then if you would like further support, you could book an appointment to see her.

Nursery parent's evening will be held on Monday 20th March and Tuesday 21st March.

Art Project – Angel of the North

On the 15th February 2023 it was the 25th anniversary of the installation of the Angel of the North as piece of iconic public art, which is now part of the national cultural map. Pupils have painted, built or created art projects based on the work of Anthony Gormley. We are looking forward to showing everything off during both parent's evening slots, I know that all their hard work will make you all so proud.

Year 6 SATS Information Evening

On Tuesday 28th March at 5:30pm, the Year 6 teaching staff will hold an information evening for all Year 6 parents to show you what your child is doing in class. We will also give you ideas about how you can best support your child over the coming 2 months in anticipation of their SATS examinations in May 2023.

Year 6 Booster Classes

Year 6 parents have been emailed an additional letter this week about extra support sessions teachers are putting on after school. So, all Y6 pupils are asked to stay in school on both a Monday and Tuesday until 4:30pm.

Parking update

Please can we ask again that parents and carers drop off and collect their children safely by using the car parks at the community centre or church. Please **DO NOT** block the driveways of the houses around as we always try to keep positive relations with those in our community.

Driving

I understand that the road works on Hillhead Road are causing delays with the traffic, however cars have been seen stopping on the main road and children have been getting out of cars and running into school. Please be aware that the police regularly patrol the road and that this is highly unsafe.

Cafod Lenten Walk

Last week, our Mini Vinnies organised a Lenten walk in partnership with CAFOD to support the national campaign. <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/> The children were fantastic and they all walked a great distance from Nursery to Year 6. Well done everyone.

World Book Day

Last week also saw our pupils take part in a variety of activities for World Book Day, there was much excitement in the hall during assembly when the children saw all the parcels of books for each class wrapped up. We also hope you all enjoyed the recordings from the 'SJV Masked Reader!'

Cafod Family Fast Day

Friday 3rd March 2023 was family fast day <https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/family-fast-day> and once again our Mini Vinnie's took time out to spend some time in the parish working with volunteers on the soup meals for Lent.

As always, all staff and governors continue to keep all of our families in our prayers.

Best wishes,

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