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Dear Parents and Carers,

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We are now in the season of LENT – we mark the beginning by celebrating Mass on Ash Wednesday which I hope you were all able to share virtually from St Patrick's church. As we arrive back in school, we will be thinking about what we can do during the season of Lent to be closer to God as we recall the events that took place over Holy week. Perhaps you could begin to talk to your child about any promises they are making in Lent this year. Below is a link to the BBC Bitesize section on Lent:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/ztkxpv4/articles/z77jf4j>



I would like to say a huge well done to one of our pupils – Havana Hinchcliffe in Class 2, who has begun the season of Lent by donating all her birthday money to support animals in need. What a lovely, selfless action Havana that shows how you are thinking of the needs of others during these very challenging times.

Well Done Havana – you are certainly living out the virtues.

Booking family holidays for over the next academic year:

If you are looking to book family holidays, please make sure you refer to the Term Dates information which was sent via the school APP on Thursday 21st January when choosing the dates. You can scroll back on the newsletter section of the APP for the information or refer to the Term dates on the website. (There are changes to the usual Easter holidays as explained in the message sent out with the Term Dates)

Update on the Sacramental preparation:



Following the Governors Catholic Life committee meeting with Father Eamonn, we made some initial plans to ensure our pupils are able to continue their sacramental preparation once school was able to open once again.

Reconciliation for our Class 4 pupils:

It is hoped that we will be able to have our day of receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, in the school Prayer

Room as previously planned on Tuesday 16th March. If you had previously emailed to let school know your child in Class 4 would be receiving this sacrament in school in November, I have added them to my new list. If you have changed your mind, please let me know by email. Once the pupils return, we





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will go through the final preparation session with them in school and that will then come home to be finished with family before the sacrament.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion for our Class 5 pupils:

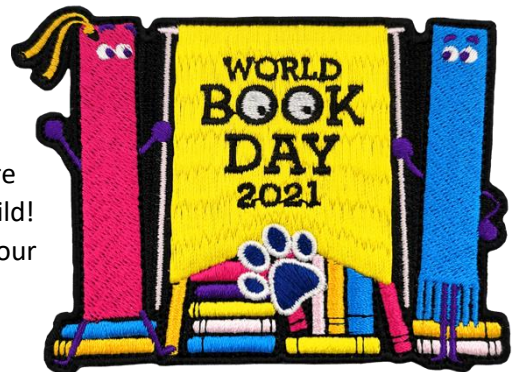
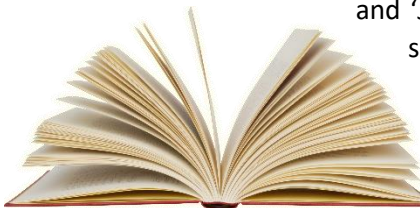
I will be contacting Father Eamonn in the coming week to put dates in the diary for the sacrament to be celebrated in the same way as previously planned - in small groups on a Thursday evening or Saturday morning. I will write to Class 5 parents once this has been finalised and allocate the dates for each pupil.

World Book Day

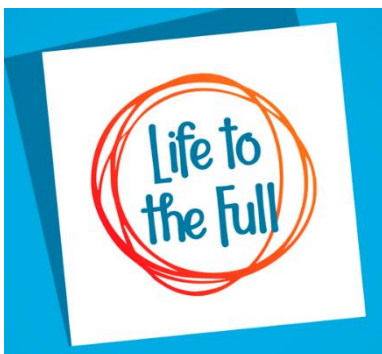
It is World Book day this coming Thursday 4th March and pupils both at home and at school are invited to dress up as their favourite book character. I know the staff are looking forward to seeing the outfits on the TEAMS meetings. The focus for this year is the author Roald Dahl – do you have any of his books at home? I know 'Fantastic Mr Fox' and 'James and the Giant Peach' were

some of my favourites as a child!

Make sure you get your competition entry into school!



Relationships and Health Education in Primary School



As we return on Monday 8th March, I will be sending a letter to all families (through the APP) regarding a statutory consultation on our plans for the Relationships and Health Education in St Patrick's school. The consultation will last for three weeks and will be consulting on the diocesan approved Catholic scheme and set of support material by Ten:Ten called "Life to the Full". There will be a set of online consultation resources for you to look at, a parent portal to access at all times so you know what is being taught in school and a powerpoint I have created for you. You will then be able to provide us with your views on some key questions regarding its delivery in school. This will be

by emailing the schoolsurvey@stpatricksbirstall.co.uk email address. I would have much preferred to do this as a meeting but the current pandemic will not allow for that so these resources have been developed to enable a virtual consultation.

We are very much looking forward to having all pupils in school Very SOON.

With kind regards

Mrs Clare Moulding (Headteacher)

