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'Following
Jesus in all we do'

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"Be joyful and keep your faith and your creed. Do the little things that you have seen me do and heard about. I will walk the path that our fathers have trod before us." Believed to be the last words of St David to his followers

Dydd Gwyl Dewi Hapus, or Happy Saint David's Day!

Dear Parents

Welcome back. It was lovely to see all of your children back to school on Monday looking smart in their uniforms. We have been blessed with a lovely start to the term. Sunshine makes everything look so much better.

There is much to look forward to. Next week is our annual Book Week. Information went out about this before half term. World Book Day is on Thursday 8th March when your child can come to school dressed as their favourite book character, remembering to bring a copy of the book. If it is a book we have in school then I am sure that Mrs Holland won't mind them borrowing it for the day. I am getting my thinking cap on as I have so many favourite books!!

Next Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent with our Ash Wednesday Mass at 9.15am. The Year 5 and 6 Liturgy Planners are working hard to ensure that all is ready. You are all invited to share in this special celebration and we look forward to welcoming you. Thanks to the St Joseph's Workers in Years 3 and 4, all of the Father Hudson collection boxes are ready to go and you will also receive our prayer calendar for the season.

During the week 11th – 15th March, our Year 6 Mini Vinnies have planned how we can raise money for Comic Relief. As we did not support Red Nose Day last year, we really want to do our very best to raise as much as we can in our usual St Joseph's way and help and support those less fortunate than ourselves. Mrs Holland said how brilliant the children were at planning activities. They have loads of ideas, so, throughout the week, there will be a variety of playground games for the children to play—all themed around Red Noses! Alongside these there will be a competition in each class to guess their teacher's favourite cupcake. They are also planning a cake sale at lunchtime on Friday 15th. (Donations of cakes gratefully received!) All these activities will be 20p a go!

As usual there will be an opportunity for non-uniform on Friday 15th, everyone to wear something RED!! This is again an example of our Faith in Action!!

I am so proud of how our children show their commitment and dedication to the Catholic life of the school. We couldn't do it without them!!

A couple more important dates are 19th March, St Joseph's Day, when the children will all be given a Kit-Kat, a break from Lenten fasting for our patronal feast day. Mass will be at 9.15am. Also Wednesday 20th March is Parent's Evening from 3.30pm to 9.00pm. More details to follow. You can look forward to our information packed newsletter next Friday.

Finally, in line with our duty to safeguard our children, I am sending home today some information about the Momo Challenge game which is very high profile on social media at the





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moment. This will also be made available on the website. No child has mentioned this in school but I felt it our duty to inform you and let you know that we are aware and should you wish to talk about your concerns then please come and see me or speak to your class teacher. We are always here to help.

Let us always remember that:

*God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.
Psalm 46 v1*

I am looking forward to a wonderful term in school and again thank you as always for your support.

Yours in faith and partnership

Mrs Louise Bury
Headteacher

