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Dear Parents,

Year 5/6 Hockey

A week last Thursday Miss Kirkham and Mrs Watts took two mixed teams to St Nicholas for a Hockey Cluster competition. We were the only school that could make it so the two teams had a lot of fun improving their skills and playing games. We obviously go through to the next round. One of our teams will be at Weaverham High School on Tuesday 25th February in the afternoon for the semi finals of the Hockey Competition. We wish them well.

Lent

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday which is on Wednesday 5th March. We will be having a Mass in school at 9:15am during which there will be the distribution of ashes. You are most welcome to attend.

Please check the Parish website for details of other Lent services:

<https://www.stjohnvianney.co.uk/>

World Book Day

A flyer has gone out about this today as well as information on the library costume swap which is running again this year.

Catholic Schools Inspection

As you are aware we were inspected this week by the Catholic Schools Inspectors. They were in school for two days and they looked at Religious Education, Collective Worship and Catholic Life and Mission. They observed RE lessons in all classes and Collective Worship in each phase. They spoke to staff, received your questionnaires, looked at RE books and displays, read all the relevant documentation and spoke to groups of children from all classes. We are so proud of all the children especially those who spoke to the inspectors or did child led prayers in their class. Thank you to our RE Leads, Mrs Bold and Mrs Cannavan, we are blessed to have their experience, dedication and energy in school. Thank you to the SLT, Miss Davies and Mrs Harkness (who returned from Maternity Leave just for the inspection) and our Chair of Governors, Mrs Morrissey who along with Mrs O'Hara are the governors responsible for RE. Thank you to the other governors and Fr Paul and Sr Phyllis who all had meetings with the Inspectors too. We are told the report will be with us around mid-March and we look forward to sharing it with you then.

Mary's Meals

This half term please keep collecting **aluminium cans** and bring them into school after half term to go in the Mary's Meals bin which will be at the front of school. Please rinse out all tins before donating them.

KS1 Multiskills

This took place last Friday morning at St Nicholas. Our young people had a wonderful time. Thank you to Mrs Coleman for taking the children.

Lockdown Drill

Our Lockdown Drill a week last Wednesday morning went very well. All the staff and children followed the plan and were very calm. Doing drills is a useful way of foreseeing any issues that may arise. In this case we only identified two exterior doors that did not have blinds on them. We will be sorting that out as soon as possible.

These letters are also on the website under the Parents tab. Have a wonderful half term holiday. **School re-opens on Tuesday 25th February** as the staff have a training day on the Monday.

God Bless,

Justine McEniff, Headteacher

I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. John 10:10