



*Seek ye first the kingdom of God*



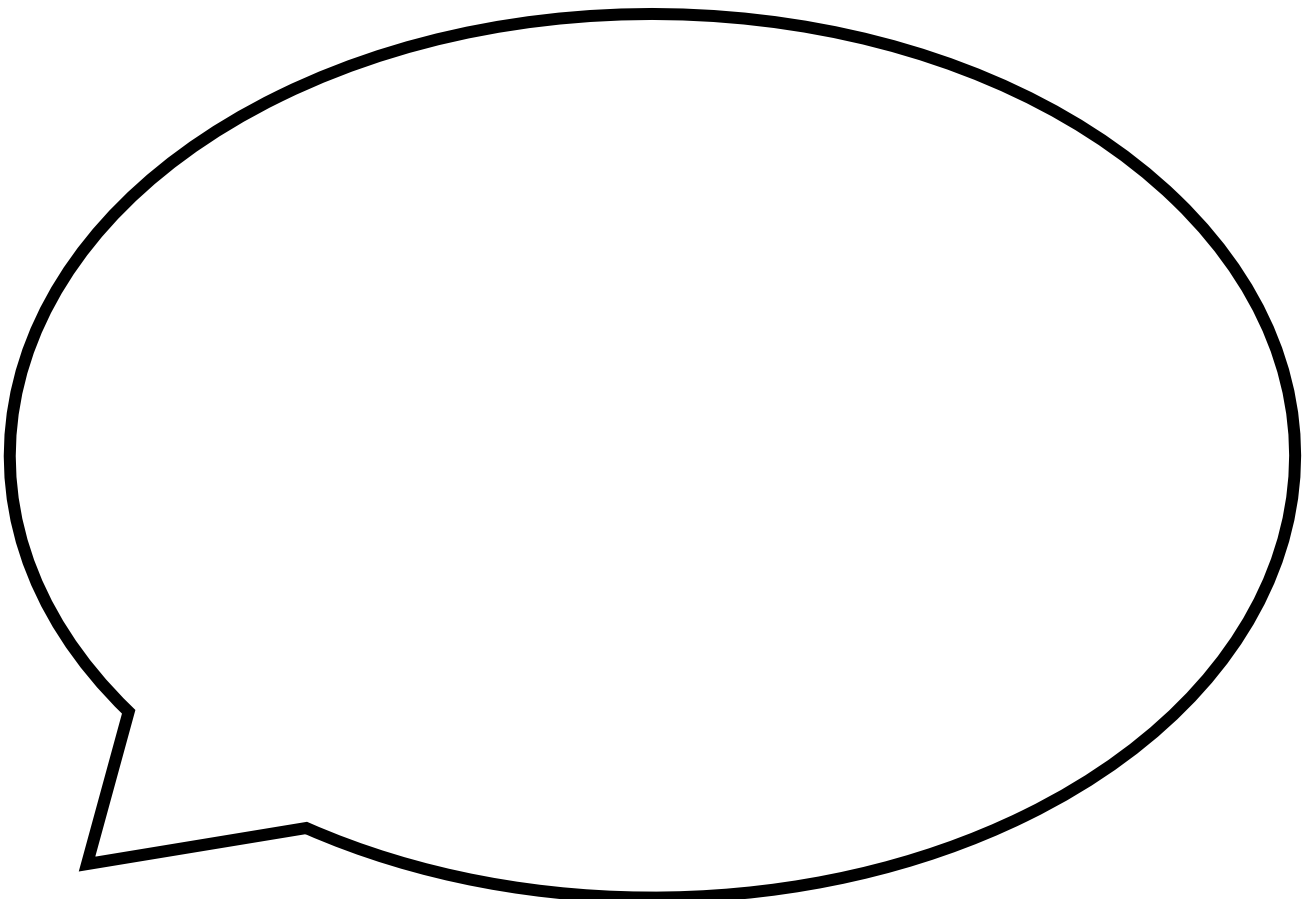
Dear Parent/Guardian,

26<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Welcome back after a well-deserved break - the weather has been great so hopefully you have been able to get out and about with the family and continued to “connect” with one another. We hope that you share the importance of spending quality time together rather than getting caught up in phone and computer screens. As a Catholic school, we believe that God calls us to be a family and to be a community.

We plan on doing more disconnect to reconnect events as this is what the children have also asked for and feel as though it was a good way to encourage all family members to take part. We would like to gather some thoughts from you as to what you thought of the week and rather than complete a lengthy questionnaire, could you just let us know your thoughts and return the speech bubble below back to school. In your response you may want to think about:

- What activities did you do during the week?
- Did all members in the family home take part?
- How easy/difficult did you find to disconnect?
- Who found it most difficult/child or adult?
- Has it made you think differently about how too much screen time can have a negative effect on family life?





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There are plenty of things happening this half-term, so we have included them in this newsletter. Please make note of the holiday break up and return dates.

Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Class 6 and 7 Visit to Durham University
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Year 5 Ski Trip to Italy
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	First Holy Communion Meeting 3.15 - 4.15 pm
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Ash Wednesday and Lent begins
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Celebrating World Book Day (Details to follow)
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Chris Connaughton Story Teller Visit
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Mass with Year 3,4,5,6,7 and the parish in Church at 10am
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>St.Patrick's Day - School Mass in Church at 10.30 am</b>
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	First Holy Communion Meeting 3.15 - 4.15 pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Parents' Evening (Details to follow)
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Break up after school for Spring Break</b>
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Return to School</b>
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Maundy Thursday and break up after school for Easter Break</b>
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	<b>Return to School</b>

Our school attendance continues to be good with an overall 96.6% and we have 78 children who have managed to be in school every day since September! Here is how each class are doing with their attendance at the moment:

	%
Class 1	95.9
Class 2	96.2
Class 3	96.9
Class 4	96.2
Class 5	97.4
Class 6	96.5
Class 7	97.0
Class 8	96.5
Class 9	96.8
Class 10	96.0
Class 11	96.8
Class 12	96.8

Very shortly, we will be using **Teachers 2 Parents' e-mail system** where newsletters will be sent home via e-mail to parents and will be available on our website. Please complete and return the attached slip to school to ensure we have a current e-mail address for you so that newsletters can be distributed in this way. This will hopefully save the school money and the planet of a few trees!

Finally, you would have noticed that the school fencing has been decorated with red ribbon by Luke Jobson's family and friends. Luke was a past pupil and his grandmother Eileen is a member of staff here. We continue to keep Luke and his family in our prayers.

**Mr Conwell**  
**Head of School**



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**e-mail address**

**(to be used for sending Newsletters)**

**Name of Child .....**

**Class .....**

**e-mail address**

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***Please return to school, as soon as possible.***