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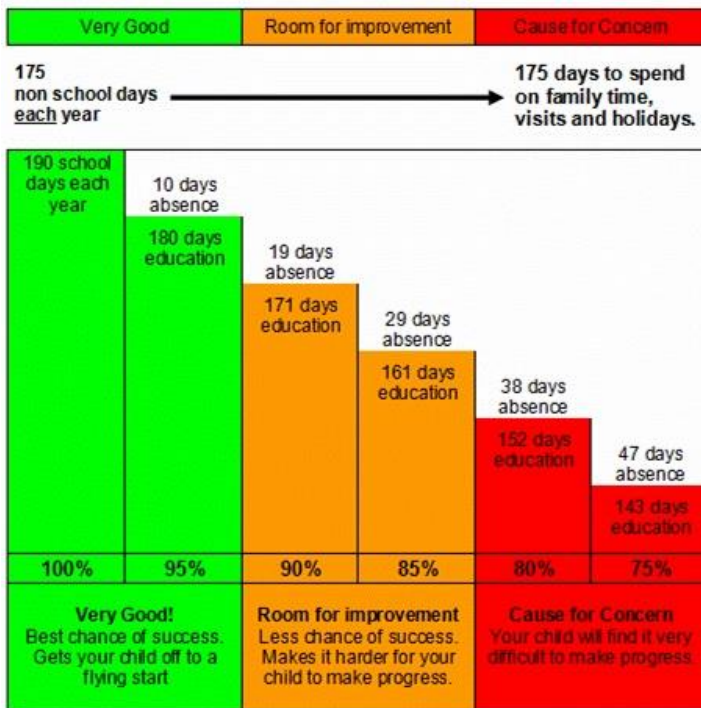
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Newsletter 371 Friday 19th January 2018

It has been a quieter week in school this week, but the children and staff are working hard on a wide range of topics from improper fractions in Year 5 to Roald Dahl in Year 3 and many, many others.

Yesterday afternoon, Miss Furby organised a phonics session for parents. She is extremely grateful to the small group that attended and she plans to run another session on Thursday 1st February.

Attendance This morning I led a whole school assembly on the importance of attendance at school. This follows on from an attendance assembly that Mrs Hurley led a few weeks ago. Our overall attendance rate is a real cause for concern. Starting next week, children with 100% attendance across a fortnight will receive an attendance wristband. At the end of each half-term, all those children that have earned a wristband will be entered into a draw to win £10.00. Children who collect 20 wristbands will receive a small reward; a larger reward for 40 wristbands and so on. The PGSA has kindly agreed to fund the wristbands and the prizes/gifts. There are many children in our school with 100% attendance so far this term—128 to be precise. We hope that this scheme will improve the attendance rates of the others.



PGSA The PGSA would like to thank all those parents and carers that have volunteered to help run the PARTY for our younger children on Thursday 8th February. The Holy Family PGSA Facebook page will have all the details—tickets will be on sale soon.

The PGSA, in conjunction with Mrs Burns will be holding a “Strictly” evening on Saturday 10th February. If you have always wanted to have a go at some of the dances that the celebrities on “Strictly” perform, now’s your chance. Mrs Burns will lead the evening and promises that she can teach anyone to dance—even me with two left feet!

World Book Day This year, World Book Day will take place on Thursday 1st March. Miss Furby would love to see everyone dust off their Book Week costumes and wear them to school on this special day.



Prayer to the Holy Family Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love; to you we turn with trust. Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches. Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing. Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family and its beauty in God’s plan. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer. Amen



The Holy Family

Thought for the Week *“If we live good lives, the times are also good. As we are, such are the times,”* Saint Augustine of Hippo.

Saint of the week Next Wednesday, 24th January, we celebrate the Feast Day of St Francis de Sales. During a period when Christians in Europe fought among themselves, St Francis de Sales stood as a beacon of charity, tact and courtesy. He was born in Annecy, France in 1567. In 1602 he became the Bishop of Geneva. He realised that he needed to preach Christ's message with love. He wrote a book, ***An Introduction to the Devout Life*** that showed how ordinary men and women could become saints in their everyday lives.



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N2 91.3% RF 91.3% 1F 98.8% 2T 95% 3W 96.7% 4HW 92.9% 5LB 93.1% 6F 98.3%. Well done to Year 1 for best attendance last week.

Mr P. O'Kane

Headteacher

Diary Dates

Saturday 20th January

Fr Eduard will be available to provide Certificates of Catholic Practice after evening Mass

Friday 26th January

Year 5 Class Assembly, 10.15am

Monday 29th January

Young Voices concert o2 Arena Y5 & Y6

Thursday 1st February

Active Phonics Workshop, Year 1 Parents, 9.05am

Friday 2nd February

Non-pupil day

Monday 5th February—Friday 9th February

Year 6 Danbury Residential

Thursday 8th February

Reception Class Assembly, 10.15am

Monday 12th February—Friday 16th February

Half-term Holiday

Wednesday 14th February

Ash Wednesday—Beginning of Lent

Friday 23rd February

Year 6 Class Assembly, 10.15am

Thursday 1st March

World Book Day

Friday 2nd March

Year 1 Class Assembly, 10.15am

Thursday 8 th March	Year 3 Class Assembly, 10.15am
Tuesday 13 th March	Parental Contact Evening, 3.30—6.00pm
Thursday 15 th March	Parental Contact Evening, 5.00—7.30pm
Friday 23 rd March	Year 2 Class Assembly, 10.15am
Sunday 25 th March	Palm (Passion) Sunday
Thursday 29 th March	Year 4 Solemn Easter Presentation, 2.15pm
Thursday 29 th March	Holy Thursday
Friday 30 th March	Good Friday (School Closed)
Sunday 1 st April	Easter Sunday
Monday 2 nd April	Public Holiday (School Closed)
Tuesday 3 rd April—Friday 13 th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 16 th April	First Day of Summer Term
Monday 7 th May	Public Holiday (School Closed)
Monday 14 th May 2018	Beginning of SATs Week
Monday 28 th May—Friday 1 st June 2018	Half-term Holiday