Dear Parents and Carers,

ATTENDANCE this week is 92.61%. I know that unfortunately the Winter bugs are still about. Let us hope for a better week next week.

TRIPS Y2 and Y5 had lovely trips this week to the Airport and Jodrell Bank. Both classes represented our school very well. Y2 had a very eventful journey on different modes of transport due to a blocked tram line. They were fabulous and sensible. Well done to all and thanks to the staff too!

PSHE/ INTERNET SAFETY. Next week we are looking at Children's Mental Health and Internet Safety. I do feel, very strongly, that they do go hand in hand. Our children spend a lot of time in a virtual world and we need to ensure that when they are there they are safe and behave in the right way. Technology is fabulous but it is not a substitute for the real world and how we develop our friendships and social interactions. *We need to help our children to realise this very important message.*

Term Dates 24/25 are on the school website. https://www.st-aidans.co.uk/

Jewellery. I have spoken to the children this morning in assembly. The only jewellery allowed in school is a watch and **stud** earrings. The children should not be wearing bracelets, necklaces or rings. Please support the school in ensuring that your child is not wearing these special items to school.

Y6 PARENT/CARER MEETING for SATS Monday 5th February at 5pm in the Hall. Please come along and listen to the expectations for your children and how we can work together to support them.

RECEPTION READING MEETING Wednesday 7th February. This meeting is at 9am in the classroom for parents/carers. Please come along so that you can help your child read confidently and happily at home. We want them to love reading!

Many thanks for the collection for **Caritas in Advent.** We collected **£106.95** and took it to Gerry and the team this week at Saint Aidan's Church.

LENT We will begin the season of Lent during the half term holiday. *Ash Wednesday is* 14th February. We look forward to inviting you to assemblies and prayer services during this special season when we return to school after the holiday.

We break up next Friday 9th February for 1 week and return on Monday 19th February.

With prayers for a lovely weekend,

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