

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the Easter holidays and a welcome back also to Mrs Mitchell, Miss Ellison and Mrs Hampson who have all returned over the past few weeks.

Mrs Mitchell will be working with Y5 and Y6 for the rest of the academic year and Miss Dean will remain in Y3 for the rest of the year.

Pope Francis.

We remember Pope Francis who sadly died on Easter Monday and we pray for the repose of his soul.

Heavenly Father,

**You entrusted the care of Your Church on earth to Pope Francis,
and now You have called him to Yourself.
We entrust his soul to Your boundless mercy.
For his lifelong service, we thank You.
For his care for the poor and marginalised, we thank You.
For his witness to simplicity, we thank You.**

We also pray for the Cardinals as they enter the conclave next week in order to choose his successor.

**Father Most Holy, Our God and King,
Protect Your Church in this time of transition.
Guide the Cardinals in their sacred duty.
Grant them Wisdom and Courage,
Hope and Charity,
and the Faith they need to discern Your Holy Will.**

Y1 Trip to RHS Bridgewater next Wednesday 7th May. I am sure they are looking forward to finding out about plants and all the creatures that live in gardens.

Well done to Y6 for coming in school at 8am for extra classes and thanks to the staff for supporting them.

Attendance this week has been **94.93%**. Our attendance for the year is **93.23%**. We do need to improve still.

Our persistent absence (that is children who have attendance less than 90%) is nearly 20%. That means a fifth of our children have less than 90% attendance.

This is significant and higher than the National Average. We need to work on this and we will be looking carefully at the data and attendance in the Summer Term in order to support and improve our attendance.

We are closed on Monday 5th May for the Early May Bank Holiday and return on Tuesday 6th May.

Enjoy the long weekend!

With prayers,

Sarah Yates
Head Teacher