



Dear parents/ carers,

Welcome back to school for the new half term. I hope you were all able to enjoy a restful break.

Catholic Life:

At this time of year, we will be going into the season of Lent. Lent starts next Wednesday. Lent is a time of year when we are asked to think about others and our own lives. Many of us may choose to 'give something up' or do something different over the period.

Lent is also a time to think about charity. We will be undertaking some whole-school **fun**-draising – more details to follow on Monday!

Next Wednesday – 5th March – is Ash Wednesday. Fr mark will be joining us in school for Mass at 10am. All are welcome.

Reading and Books:

During part of the INSET day on Monday, as a staff, we reviewed the books we have in school – and how they are displayed and accessed by the children. All classes now have a new, improved reading area. The children are seeing a difference already and many thought we had bought new books!

All children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 should come home today with a book to share with you and read at home today. Enjoy these over the weekend – and bring them back Wednesday next week and they can choose another (or the same!) book again to enjoy at home.

Uniform:

Ties are now back in stock at Uniform Direct. We are aware that these haven't been available for a while. We are exploring whether we could sell this uniform item from school to save trips in to town to fetch them – and there are rarely pre-loved ties available.

[Uniform Direct® - St John Fisher Uniform](https://www.stjohnfisherderby.srscmat.co.uk)

World Book Day:

Don't forget – next Thursday is World Book Day. Our theme is bedtime stories – so children are invited to come in their pyjamas, dressing gowns and slippers for the day (please still bring outside shoes and coats!).

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For I know the plans I have for you; plans to give you hope and a future – Jeremiah 29:11



Activities will include opportunities for every class to see and work with the shortlisted books from this year's [Derby Children's Picture Book Award](#) (which are fabulous) and all children will have read to them a favourite bedtime story to a class at the end of the day. It should be a great day.

Parents' Evening:

The next parents' evenings are on Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th March. For these meetings, bookings will be made online through Arbor. Booking will open on Arbor for parents on Monday - 3rd March. If you have any problems booking, please speak to the school office.

Cricket:

We are very fortunate this half term to have a cricket coach in school on Fridays. Years 2-6 will all have the opportunity to have sessions as part of their PE with this specialist coach.

Please do remember to make sure PE kits are in school every day!

Best Wishes

Graham Lobb

Headteacher

Wednesday 5 th March	Ash Wednesday Mass 10:00am	All parents welcome.
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day	
Monday 17 th March	Parents evening session 1 3:30-6:30	Parents' evening appointments.
Tuesday 18 th March	Parents evening session 2 3:30-6:30	Parents' evening appointments.
Friday 21 st March	World Poetry Day	Details to follow
Friday 4 th April	End of term Worship 2:00pm (TBC)	All parents welcome.
Monday 7 th April – Monday 21 st April	Easter Holidays	School Closed