Dear Families,

Well Week 3 is nearly upon us!!! It was so lovely to meet you all at our parent conversations.

Thank you for your offers of support with our Parish Mass. The children are very excited. Please remember to place your morning tea in the hall prior to Mass.

Here are a few points for the coming week:

**School Day**
Our school day begins at 8:50am. We ask that before school children wait in the yard area where they are supervised before the bell. Please note morning and afternoon Military Road gate will be open. This is to hopefully help the traffic flow.

**SPECIAL DAYS**
Just to reiterate our special days;

- **Monday** – Library borrowing, Children to place library bags in their chair bags and return books in the green box in class
- **Tuesday**
- **Wednesday** – Music with Mrs Turner, Science with Mr Hoskin and Sport with Ms Victory

**SCHOOL CLOSURE FOR MR KERRY TAHENY’S FUNERAL.**

**Thursday** –

**Friday** - Sports Uniform

**HOMEWORK**
Currently consists of:

- Reading (Reading Texts, books from home, library books etc…) Please ensure reading is a part of your routine every day.

- Spelling (Look, Say, Cover, Write and Check) Which will begin in Week 5.

Sight Words will begin later in the term.

Home Connections as mentioned in weekly emails. These Home Connections can be very important especially if children are struggling with a particular concept. So please check in with your child regularly regarding their understanding of key concepts as this supports and enhances our teaching and learning at school.

**OPTIONAL**
Please use the ideas in the front of your child’s homework book if you would like to consolidate spelling and the study of words. These will be useful in Week 5 when spelling lists come home.

**HANDWRITING**
In your child’s Home Connections book there is an alphabet chart. This is to practise their correct formation of letters. We call this “Rainbow Handwriting” as the letters are traced from the starting point in a different colour from A-Z and used over and over again. This activity should only take a few minutes and it is designed to build up the children’s muscle memory.
MATHS
This year we will further develop our knowledge of number through 10 minutes of Basic Number Skills during each week. This is an addition to our normal Mathematic lessons.

PHOTOS
Thank you so much for sending us your gorgeous photos. They will link with heart moments and our health and MITIOG unit on Being Human.

BREAK OUT AREA
This year we are lucky to have the break out area as an extension to our learning space. We ask that you please respect this space and the items in it by leaving them as they were. Please, also could we ask if you would be mindful of the noise levels outside our rooms as we finish with prayer and deliver the final messages of the day to your children. Thank you

LISTENING TO READING
Our roster is outside our classroom. We have begun listening to reading and we greatly appreciate your time and support. Please remember to finish listening to reading at the bell at 9:10am.

LITERACY TEXT
We are still working with Jack and the Beanstalk. You may like to visit the library to find a version of the book or watch the story and compare versions on Youtube. Our rhyme will be Jack and Jill.

PARENT REPS AND CLASS CLEANING
We are still looking for support with class cleaning and Parent Reps. Please let us know if you would like to be involved. Class teachers will in touch regarding a suitable day and time.

HOME CONNECTION ACTIVITIES
- You may like to try some basic number facts to ten. If you say “2” your child has to give the number to race to “10”. Our aim is that they get quicker and quicker at this and won’t need to relay on fingers to count. It will just become a fact that they know. We call these known facts.
- Walk through your own garden or a friend’s garden and talk about ‘growth’

Can you please download Skoolbag to ensure you receive all school communications. All important messages such as cancellations of assemblies etc are done through here.

Thanks for your support.

** Also an online Phonics / Reading program we recommend is READING EGGS. (You can sign up for a free 4 week trial if you would like to assess its suitability for your child.

Kind regards and have a wonderful weekend!
The Year One Teachers,
Catherina, Karen, Ali, Breanna and Nicci