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## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,  
Welcome to the first newsletter of 2024. I know that you are regularly updated on classroom information through your Dojo App but we also thought it would be great to share with you a glimpse into weekly life in the classroom! Over the coming weeks you might see pictures of children's work, activities, children playing and receive a brief summary of events or learning taking place in the classroom.

In future, we are hoping that the children will be able to take charge of our newsletters and let you know in their words about their learning in school. Wishing you all a lovely weekend,  
Ms MacLennan

## Prayer

February is the month of the Holy Family

*Holy Family of Nazareth,  
keep our family safe from all  
dangers and evil. May Jesus  
always be the centre of our  
life and of our home. Grant  
us peace in this life and in  
the next.*

Amen



## Important Dates and Information

**February 7<sup>th</sup>** Bus Museum School Trip (Knock Class)

**February 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>** Half Term

**February 12<sup>th</sup>** Work begins on the school roof

**Roof Project** – Work will begin on the school roof during the February half term beginning with the scaffolding being put up. Areas of the school grounds will be fenced off and off limits. I am currently working with the project manager and will update you with information once this is underway in order to ensure a smooth return after half term.





## Knock (Reception)

This week, Knock class were very lucky to have some Year 5/6 children come into class to teach them how to make paper planes. As they are transport supervisors this term, they then took their planes on to the 'runway' to test how far and high they could fly.



## Medjugorje (Year 5/6)

Year 5 and Year 6 have been learning about organic crops and sustainability in our topic this term. We went on a walk to the market and supermarket to compare fruit and vegetables and their prices and this week we did a survey to find out which fruit and vegetables are eaten regularly by our class. We are really looking forward to heading out to a local farm to learn more about life as a farmer after half term.

We have enjoyed working on our descriptive writing especially during our morning work as this gets our brain up and running for the day ahead! We have been using these skills when it comes to writing poems.

We have seen some progress in Maths with continued practice of both 99 clubs and TTRockStars both challenging and helping us learn our times tables. We need to use our Times Tables in SO many areas of Maths - who knew!

We particularly enjoyed going down to Knock Class and working with them to make paper aeroplanes!

## Fatima (Year 1/2)

This week in Fatima Class, the children have been using the book for this term, "The Great Explorer" to deepen their knowledge of survival in the North Pole, as well as learning about and using adjectives and nouns in their writing. The children have also been introduced to clocks and have learned to identify "half past and o'clock" securely as well as developing understanding of when a clock reads "quarter to and quarter past". The children are also enjoying learning about the Christmas Story and have attempted writing this from the perspective of the Innkeeper.

## Walsingham (Year 3/4)



We enjoyed an afternoon of sports at Carterton Community College this week. We played parachute games, completed obstacle courses and a host of ball games, all designed to develop our fitness and core skills. I have been impressed with the vast improvement in spelling test scores this week, keep up the practise at home - it is working!

## Lourdes (Preschool)

This week we have been learning about the Life Cycle of a butterfly. We have listened to the story of the Hungry Caterpillar. We tried all the fruits that the Caterpillar ate by helping to chop the fruit the Caterpillar ate and then making a smoothie for our snack. We have painted caterpillar and butterfly pictures and sequenced the story.

Today we have loved participating in lots of Number related activities for Number day including playing skittles practising out subitizing skills.

