Dear Parents,

The children have settled in to school well and the learning has certainly taken off. The children have made new friends and it is great to see everyone interacting well.

Reading and writing workshop

On Tuesday 1st March the school is holding an information night about reading and writing. It starts at 7pm. This workshop is highly recommended for all parents who have children in the Junior Primary. The session is run by SPELD and they will discuss lots of different ways how you can assist your child in reading and writing at home. I will be attending and it will be great to see you there.

Shrove Tuesday and Lent

Tuesday 8th March is Shrove Tuesday. We will be making pancakes in the classroom from 9am after a combined devotion with the other Year 1 class. I will need parents to volunteer to help us make and serve the pancakes. At least 4 or 5 parents will be appreciated. If you are able to help please can you bring your own electric frying pan and spatula please. All ingredients will be provided. Ash Wednesday is the start of Lent and there will be a 9am service on this day for all to attend.

Literacy groups

Literacy groups will now start in week 7. I have already received confirmation from a couple of parents that are able to help with literacy groups. Literacy groups will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings starting at 9am. They will run for approximately half an hour. The children will be placed in groups of five and will rotate around the groups over the two days. If you are able to help please put your name on the whiteboard (younger siblings are very welcome to attend too).

Recycling boxes

Please remember to keep your recycling boxes and bring them into school for the children’s making. There is a big box under the computers where you can put them.

Spelling words and sight words

It is amazing how much progress the children are making with their sight words. Each day there are numerous books in my red box to look at. Well done to everyone for the effort that you are putting in to reading. The children are definitely loving their weekly spelling tests. Please remember that the children have to maintain knowing how to write these words in their daily writing (not just for their weekly spelling tests). Maybe some revision on the spelling words will help when you have time.

Monday 7th March

I will be out of class until lunch time on Monday 7th March. I will be visiting Good Shepherd Lutheran School in Para Vista with two other teachers.

Chicken pox

Last week a child in the class had a mild case of Chicken Pox. The symptoms that he had were tiredness and a rise in his temperature. His parents were unaware until he had a few spots. Just letting you know in case you see the same symptoms in your child.

Sight word boxes

We have been playing games with our spelling words using cut up words. The children need a small labelled container so they can keep their words in. Please can you bring one along to school soon.

Volunteer Information Session

Shane is running his final session this Tuesday at 9am. If you have not attended a session and you still wish to do so, then tomorrow will be your last chance.

Puppet making– sock due by 4th March

Next week we will be making puppets to use in our summative assessment for friendships. Each child will need to bring in to school old sock by this Friday 4th March.

Hope you have a great week, Yours in Christ

Jayne

Bible Verse for week 5:

‘Be kind to one another, tender-hearted and forgiving’

Romans: Chapter 5 Verse 5