Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who helped out on Shrove Tuesday. Special thanks to Elke Roberts for making bringing the mixture. I was told that everyone had a great morning enjoying the delights of the pancakes. Lent session has started and all the children are working hard on their ‘lent promises’. Children were asked to nominate something that they would try to give up or make a promise to God for something. These are displayed on the Christian Studies wall if you are interested.

Photos

School photos are on Thursday 17th March. Forms were sent home last week for school photos. Please return these ASAP. I know this is normally a P.E uniform day, but children are expected to wear their full school uniform on this day. No need to bring in their P.E uniform. We will keep the combined Year 1 fitness lesson to a minimum.

Sports Day

Sports Day is coming up very shortly as well. This will be held Friday 25th March (next week). It would be great to see many of you there! We also need one more parent volunteer to help with a group station. Please see me before Monday if you can help.

Zoo excursion

We had a great day at the zoo yesterday. Thanks to all those parents who came along and helped out. It was amazing to have so many wonderful and helpful parents. The excursion will really kick start our unit this week.

Unit of inquiry

Our new unit of inquiry has started this week. Our new unit is called ‘life cycles’.

Central idea: Cycles of change can be observed and compared.

Lines of inquiry:
- Life cycles of living things
- Time frame of cycles
- Cycles in nature

We will be looking into the life cycle of many different things, including seasons, plants, animals and people. We will making a display of ourselves and our life cycle up to date. Please can you bring in pictures of your child at the following stages; baby, toddler, four year old and now. These photos will be to make a display in the classroom and you will get them returned after the unit finishes next term.

Literacy groups

Literacy groups will be starting this week. Our helpers for:

Tuesday parents are: Sarah Crowder, Sharvaun Martin, Julie-anne Borgkvisit, Tanya Grabis, Allen Ryan and Fiona Potts

Wednesday parents are: Louise Squires, Catherine Salmon, Wade Conolly, Julie-anne Borgkvisit and Cassie Quinn. Thanks to everyone who has volunteered. If there are extra parents, than those parents can tag along to a group. The children are in four different groups with 6/7 children in each group. Over the two days the children will rotate between four different activities for fifteen minutes each. We will start after roll call and have devotion after the literacy groups (as I know some parents can only stay for half an hour). The activity boxes will be all organised for you each day. Inside the boxes will be the activity and a instruction card. You will be using that box for the half hour and the groups will rotate to you after fifteen minutes. Check the whiteboard to see which group and box you will have. The JP area is a space that you can use as well.

Toys in school

Last week Mr Paterson requested that there will be no more toys allowed in school for recess and lunch play. This includes toy cars, dolls, teddies, bayblades etc. Mrs Norman talked to all the Junior Primary children on Friday last week, so they are aware of the decision that has been made.

Have a great week, God bless

Jayne :)

Bible Verse for week 6:
‘God is with you in all that you do’
Genesis Chapter 21 verse 22

Sharing for week 6:
Bring in something that you have made recently