Dear parents,
I hope you have all now settled back in to the routines of school and of Year 1. The children have certainly settled back into school and are working hard!

**Shrove Tuesday**
Thank you to the parents who helped make pancakes this morning. What a yummy treat for the children! In class we have talked about why we eat pancakes on Shrove Tuesday.

**Ash Wednesday**
This week our chapel service will be on Wednesday to tie in with Ash Wednesday. Chapel will begin at 2.45pm. Due to this service there will be no chapel this Friday.

**No Nuts**
Just a reminder that the Junior Primary area and classes are not free zones and so food containing nuts should not be brought to school. Thanks for your understanding.

**Stationary**
The missing sharpeners arrived on Friday and were already labeled and so I and so I handed these out on Friday but am still waiting to hear about handwriting books that are still missing. I have ordered the spare scrap books for those who spoke to me and these should arrive shortly.

**Making Boxes**
Our making box is looking quite empty at the moment. If you have any spare boxes, containers etc that you have no need for, we would love to use them in the classroom.

**Whiteboard sock**
Can each child please bring an old sock to school that can be used as a whiteboard duster this year. This will be kept in their tray.

**Year 1B Blog**
This week you will be sent home information regarding our class blog and a form to fill in. If you are interested in using this as another avenue for communication please return the forms to me asap and I can set up a username for you. On the blog I will posting information that includes the newsletters, spelling words and snippets of what happens in our classroom, as well as learning resources that can be used by you and the children.

**Spelling and Sight Words**
There has been some confusion about the difference between spelling and sight words. Please note that children only need to practise reading their sight words. Spelling sounds and words are the words that children are learning to write. It is expected that spelling words are practised in some format each night.

I hope you have a great week!

God bless,
Laura