Dear Parents,

Another busy week has gone by and Easter is upon us. I was able to enjoy a very productive assessment day yesterday and I look forward to discussing your child’s progress with you at our parent teacher interviews next week or at another time. Thank you for the consistency you have applied in completing homework in order to support your child in their learning. I can certainly see progress being made!

**How to structure a home reading session:**

It is wonderful to see the enthusiasm the children have for their take-home texts. The following points may be helpful.

- Read the title of the book to your child.
- Look through the book together, discussing what is happening in the pictures before your child starts reading. (This is called a *picture walk*.)
- Look for familiar words in the story. Identify those which are new or challenging and talk about them to provide a scaffold for independent reading.
- Allow your child to do the finger pointing. (This is very important as this helps them to stay focused and to build fluency.)
- Allow time for your child to apply a strategy for decoding a tricky word before telling them so that they can continue reading.

Chat about the story. What might happen next? If you could choose to add another character, who would it be? Were you happy with the way the story ended? Why/Why not?

**Whole School Worship:**

Next week is Holy Week and we will be spending time in worship as a school each morning in the lead up to Easter. The Year 6’s and 7’s have been busy preparing this for us and you are most welcome to join with us in reflecting on Jesus’ love and sacrifice for us all. This means that our morning writing routine will not happen next week. However, in the weeks following Easter you are most welcome to come into the classroom to help us with this. Thank you to those of you who have already been able to assist the children in holding their pencil correctly, in sounding out words to spell and in recording their ideas. I can see that this has made a positive impact on children’s development.

**Sport’s Uniform:**

Next week we are fortunate to be able to participate in a short netball clinic on Tuesday. The children will therefore need to wear their sport’s uniform on this day too.

Have a wonderful weekend. There is certainly much to look forward to in the week ahead! God bless, Jenny

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**Term 1 Week 9**

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**Text for the Week:**

“For God so loved the world, He gave His only Son.”

*John 3:16*