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Principal's Update 20/1/23

Dear parents,

Thank you to all who worked so well with us this week to ease the traffic congestion in school. On Monday morning Mrs Donnelly and I spoke to several drivers who had not seen my App message. In most cases our request to swiftly drop off and move on was met with courtesy and understanding and the situation definitely improved as the week unfolded. Please ensure that whoever is dropping off or collecting your child is aware of the procedure as a lot of people we spoke to stated that they don't see the app messages as they are not the parents. It is also important that both parents in the family are signed up to the School App as that is the channel through which all my communication is issued.

Throughout this week I had meetings with class teachers to discuss the Term 1 progress of each child in our school. We are delighted with the progress of many but one thing that we have noticed among pupils who have not made the anticipated reading improvement is that they are not reading all of their Bug Club books nor completing the quizzes. Please work with your child on this as the top ten tips for becoming a better reader are: READ, READ, READ, READ, READ, READ, READ, READ, READ and READ!!!

On the subject of reading, we were delighted with the vast turnout for Mrs Donnelly's introductory session for the Parental Paired Reading Programme. We look forward to watching the children progress over the next 10 weeks.

Next week marks Catholic Schools Week and it is a special time for us to reflect on the richness that faith adds to our school experience in terms of promoting the values of respect, care, service, and the nourishment of our spiritual lives both as children and adults. We thank our Grandparents in a special way during this week as they have nurtured us in faith.

The P5 pupils will present a special assembly on Thursday 26th January in the Assembly Hall at 1.45 pm.

We hope that their grandparents will join us and we have sent out an invitation via the three P5 teachers asking for numbers to facilitate light refreshments. We look forward to welcoming you.

I wish you a wonderful weekend

Yours in partnership

Mrs Monaghan

