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"We love God, We love learning, We love each other."

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Re: Important information and dates for Year 3 children on the Sacramental Programme (and all Year 3)

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 3 class,

If your child is on the Sacramental Programme, they will continue this journey and make their Sacrament of Reconciliation on **Thursday 13th March in church at 6.00pm.** They should just wear their own suitable clothes for this event.

In preparation for this, you are invited to attend a preparation mass at church **on Sunday 9th March at 11.15am.** The children will be preparing for this Sacrament in school and may bring home some activities to complete. Please encourage them to do the further activities set by Mrs Giordani.

First Holy Communion will be in church **on Sunday 22nd June at 3.00pm.** There is no compulsory dress code for this occasion although traditionally the girls choose to wear white dresses and the boys usually choose to wear smart clothes/shirt and tie. We can also lend red ties to any boys if they wish. We will send more details nearer the time.

Pleases note: Children cannot make their First Communion until they have made the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Children MUST be baptised BEFORE they can complete Reconciliation and First Communion. If your child is not baptised and you wish them to make these sacraments, then please see the separate letter about courses for baptism.

Note for ALL Year 3 parents:

<u>All Year 3</u> will perform a special Reconciliation themed Assembly on the same day as they make the sacrament, Thursday 13th March at 9.10am in school. All Year 3 parents are very welcome to come and watch.

<u>The whole class</u> will also lead a Reconciliation themed mass in church on **Wednesday 12th March at 10.00am**. Again, anyone is welcome to join us.

I apologise for the short notice but please also see the attached letter from the parish regarding some parents' meetings for parents of those children on the Sacramental programme. I do appreciate some of these dates are during school holidays so we just ask you to do your best to attend these. Please just let us know if you cannot attend.

We look forward to seeing you at these upcoming events, but please do not hesitate to come and ask any questions.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Ruane







