Dear Parents,

We would like to thank all the parents who have begun their role as parent helpers in the classroom this week. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

What's happening in Kindergarten next week?

- **Religion** – We will continue the unit ‘From Ashes to Easter’, focusing on the season of Lent.
- **English** – We will continue our author study of Eric Carle. The book focus for the week is ‘From Head to Toe’. Children are introduced to letters, words, text direction, spacing between words, full stops and capital letters. Children will be singing ‘Ants in the Apple’ to assist in developing their phonemic awareness.
- **Mathematics** – The focus for the week is numeration. Children will be recognising numbers to 20, ordering quantities and developing their understanding of the value of ones and tens in numbers e.g. 16 (1 ten and 6 ones)
- **Theme** – We will begin our Science and Technology unit ‘On the Move’. Children will be investigating things that move.

Special Messages.....

- Please make sure homework books are covered (they may be covered in any paper/contact of your choice). It may be beneficial to cover the red sight word folder in clear contact, as it needs to make many trips to and from school during the course of the year.
- We encourage you to review the letter names and sounds each week as part of your child’s homework (you may like to use the ‘Ants in the Apple’ cards given to each child at the beginning of the year). If your child is able to identify most letter names and sounds, you may like to continue to develop your child’s writing at home by getting them to write cvc words (consonant, vowel, consonant words e.g. big, pin, top). Encouraging your child to write for enjoyment, for example, writing letters, cards or helping with the shopping list will also help develop writing skills.
- As part of our Lenten preparation, children are invited to donate money to their class Project Compassion box. Children may like to do jobs around the house to earn a small amount of money which can be donated. We will be collecting money for Project Compassion throughout Lent.
- Please remind your child that they are not to share food or canteen money with any child (except siblings).
- Thank you for sending small amounts of pre-cut fruit and vegetables for Crunch ‘n’ Sip this week. Children benefit greatly from this short food and drink break, but it is only a brief break, so small portions are perfect.

Have a lovely week,
Sue Neilly, Karina Sarkisian and Karen Shillito