Homework –

Friday 9th March 2018

Miss Cartwright

Dear Parent/Carer

It is nice to look around and to see one or two brave daffodils making an appearance to let us know that spring is on the way – it has been cold this week despite the disappearance of the snow…

It has been very interesting to chat with parents after the consultations we have had in the afternoon and evenings this week. Our only disappointment is that sometimes parents simply do not attend – and sometimes, the very parents we want to see most, do not attend. We believe that every parent wants success for their child, but for a parent not to come to meet teachers and discuss progress gives the wrong message to children: the skills we teach **NOW** are skills that will help children **throughout life** – for **every day of the rest of their life**.

On the very positive side, the new format for our discussions seems to have excited parents and children alike: parents now know exactly where their children are and certainly know how to make the next steps, which is exactly what we hoped for. It has been great to hear parents using the same language of assessment about their children that we do – it will make progress a lot easier to achieve.

This has been a difficult week for the school with Nuala's funeral last Monday. It was amazing to see how the whole community came together to say farewell at the church service: it was packed, with standing room only. We are still considering how we should create a permanent memorial to Nuala, but we are going to celebrate her birthday on Thursday 22nd March by having a non-uniform day in Nuala's colours and holding a balloon-release for any child who wants to take part. We are hoping that this will begin to generate some money that will go towards a memorial, but more of that later…

March 22nd is also the day of the Easter disco – and in that week we will have the Easter bonnet and the decorated egg competitions as always. **The tickets for the disco are on sale at the moment online at £1.50**. We also have a pretty amazing raffle to come with hampers of chocolate as prizes ☺.

Please use the comment box below to write anything you have to say about the homework or about any other school issues…

Signed:

Please make sure that your child's medical details and emergency contact numbers are with the office and up-to-date.