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"With Jesus as our guide; we love, live and learn together."

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Dear Parents

I hope that you and your families are all safe and well.

Thank you to all of the Y1 parents who attended the phonics workshop presented by Miss Rackham on Wednesday evening.

Y3 Parent Meeting for Sacramental Preparation – Tuesday 6th February at 5.30pm:

All Y3 parents who have a child who is being prepared for the sacraments are expected to attend our meeting in school on Tuesday 6th February. This meeting will cover the preparation and arrangements for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

SchoolComms App:

Please download the free SchoolComms App to your phone (the details / links are in the circulation email for this week's newsletter) if you have not already done this. By doing this school will not have to pay for text messages to parents when they are used and this will save us quite a lot of money! Thank you for your support.

Parent Consultation Appointments:

This term's parent consultation meetings will be taking place **in the school hall** on **Monday 4th** and **Wednesday 6th March** between **3.30pm** and **5.45pm**. Our classrooms will be open for you to view your child's work. We will write to all parents with further details, including appointment times, shortly. Please remember that these meetings are for **parents and teachers only**: there is no provision for children to be supervised at school. **We therefore ask you NOT to bring children back into school on these evenings.**

Message from Vaccination UK for parents regarding the MMR Vaccination Outbreak Response:

Vaccination UK have been instructed by NHSE to administer the MMR vaccination to all school aged children who are outstanding one or both doses. The MMR would have been given at the age of 1 year and the second dose at 3 years and 4 months. There has been an outbreak of Measles in the West Midlands which have been on the rise within the last few weeks. If your child is outstanding one or both doses of the MMR, please contact their office on 0121 592 1110 to make an appointment. This will be at an alternative venue and NOT at the school.

Extreme Weather:

If the school has to be closed in the event of snow or adverse weather conditions, then parents will be informed via text message and email and a notice will be placed on the homepage of the school website. Unless a text / email is received and an announcement made, the school will remain open.

Reception - Y6 Reading Challenges:

Our Reading Challenges are a great way to ensure your child is reading a range of texts which are age-related (with some challenging texts too!)

To make it super easy to participate, we have uploaded a direct form link which is accessible through your Marvellous Me accounts. The form is called 'YR RC' / 'Y1 RC' etc and they are also available on the school website – just click:

'Curriculum and Gallery > Reading' and scroll down to 'Reading Challenge'.

Or click on the links here: [Y6](#) [Y5](#) [Y4](#) [Y3](#) [Y2](#) [Y1](#) [Reception](#)

Every time your child reads a book from the specially selected list, they just need to complete an entry on the form and they will automatically be entered into a prize draw!

The next prize draw will be on Friday 2nd February.

All of these books will support your child's love of reading and further enhance their vocabulary and encourage a love of reading.

All children should aim to have entered at least once by then. Good luck!

Number Fact of the Week:

It is really important for our pupils to learn their multiplication facts as quickly as possible. By the end of Y4, it is expected that all pupils will be able to instantly recall all of these up to 12×12 .

Every week, Mr Shanahan, our maths leader, will be setting a challenge to learn a specific number fact.

Be prepared: when he sees you around school he will be testing you!

This week's number fact is:

$$7 \times 4 = 28$$

or

$$4 \times 7 = 28$$



Masses this Half Term:

All **parents and parishioners** are warmly invited to all of our school masses in **school** at **9.15am** or in **church** at **11.30am**.

Date:	Information:
Wednesday 31 st January	Y6 Thanksgiving Mass for the Sacrament of Confirmation in school at 9.15am
Wednesday 7 th February	Infants' mass in school hall at 9.15am

Diary Dates:

Date:	Information:
Monday 29 th January	Y5 & Y6 Cheerleading Club 3.15pm - 4.15pm
Tuesday 30 th January	Y1 & Y2 Dance Club 3.15pm - 4.15pm
Wednesday 31 st January	Y6 Thanksgiving Mass for the Sacrament of Confirmation at 9.15am
Thursday 1 st February	KS2 French Club 3.15 - 4.15pm
Friday 2 nd February	Celebration Assembly in school hall at 9.05am – all parents are welcome to join us
Tuesday 6 th February	Y3 Parent Meeting for Sacramental Preparation at 5.30pm
Half Term Break:	Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February

Happy birthday to:

Ava M (Y6), Maddie A, David R-D (Y4) and Teddy K (Nursery) who all have a birthday to celebrate next week.

Yours sincerely

A. Neenan

Mr A.G. Neenan

Headteacher

One of the precepts of being a Catholic is to attend Sunday Mass (or the vigil Mass for Sunday) every week and on all Holy Days of Obligation. This weekly commitment gives us the opportunity to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord which is why Sundays are known as the Lord's day.

Mass at Holy Name Church:
Saturday 12.30pm
Sunday 8.30am and 10.30am

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus starts to teach in the temple, where the Jewish people went to pray. The people are surprised and impressed with the way he teaches. Why do you think that is?

The people in the temple believe what Jesus says and they trust him, more than the church teachers they usually listen to. Why did they see Jesus as special?

Jesus teaches the people through the stories he tells. But he also teaches them - and us - through the things he does. He lives out what he is teaching. Can you think of an example when Jesus teaches us through his actions?

What does he want us to learn?

Teachers are very important, they help us to learn about all sorts of things. What is your teacher's name? What do they help you to learn?

Why do you think it is important for us to go to school and to learn?

Some children who live in poorer countries around the world do not have the chance to go to school. Can you think of reasons why that might be?

Some children live in places where it isn't safe for them to travel to school or the school is too far away. Some children have to do jobs instead of going to school or they have to look after their little brothers and sisters while their mum and dad go to work. Some families cannot afford to pay the school fees or buy the uniforms or books their children need to go to school.

Our Catholic Mission:

Do you think it is fair that children like these do not have the chance to learn?

What do you think can be done to help?

Prayer:

God of hope,
through your Son Jesus you teach us to love and care
for all our brothers and sisters wherever they are in the world.
Help us to work together with others to make sure that all children
have a chance to go to school and dream of a brighter future.
Amen.

