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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.

We had a wonderful celebration of mass on Wednesday morning in thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Thank you especially to Mrs Kavanagh for preparing this celebration and also thank you to Father Jibu and all of the parents and family members who joined us.

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.

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 x 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:

$$4 \times 9 = 36$$

or

$$9 \times 4 = 36$$



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 7 th February	Infants' mass in school hall at 9.15am

Diary Dates:

Date:	Information:
Monday 5 th February	Y5 & Y6 Cheerleading Club 3.15pm - 4.15pm
Tuesday 6 th February	Y1 & Y2 Dance Club 3.15pm - 4.15pm Y3 Parent Meeting for Sacramental Preparation at 5.30pm
Thursday 8 th February	KS2 French Club 3.15 – 4.15pm
Friday 9 th February	Last day in school for this half-term
Half Term Break:	Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February

Happy birthday to:

Alexa B, Deon B (Y3), Jenish B (Y6) who all have a birthday to celebrate next week.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

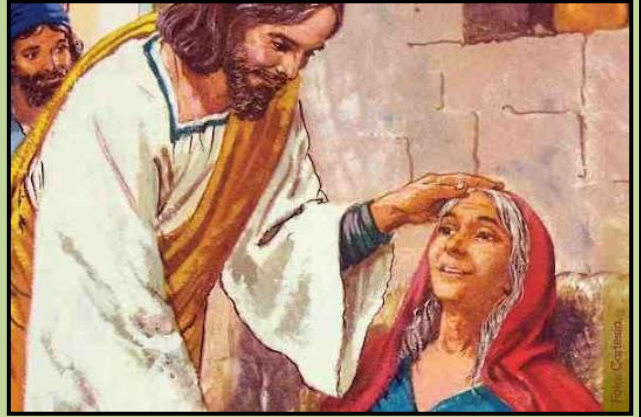
One of the precepts of being a Catholic is to attend Sunday Mass (or the vigil Mass for Sunday) every week and on all Holy Days of Obligation. This weekly commitment gives us the opportunity to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord which is why Sundays are known as the Lord's day.

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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

In this Sunday's gospel Simon's mother-in-law is sick. She has a fever and is in bed. Jesus arrives at the house, takes her by the hand and helps her out of bed. Immediately she feels better.



Later that day lots of people who were ill came to the place where Jesus was. Some of them may have travelled a long way. Jesus helps them all, curing them and making them feel better.

What does this story tell us about Jesus? How does he heal the people that come to him?

When was the last time that you were sick?

How did you feel?

Who helped you and made you feel better? What did they do to make you feel better?

Sometimes when we are sick we have to see a doctor or go to the hospital. How long does it take to get from your house to the doctors?

In some countries around the world people have to travel a very long way to see a doctor. This is very difficult, especially when they are ill. How do you think this makes them feel? How do you feel when you hear this?

Jesus healed all those who came to him for help. Although we cannot heal people the way Jesus did, we can help them by making sure that wherever they are in the world, they are able to reach a doctor, or that the doctor can reach them, and that they get the medicine that they need. How do you think we can do this?

Our Catholic Mission:

What one thing will you do to help someone who is sick this week?

Prayer:

God of love,
help us all to follow Jesus' example of loving care and healing,
and to treat all those who are ill with care and tenderness.

Amen.

Reflection taken from CAFOD Children's Liturgy