



### Welcome back

A welcome back to you all after our half term break.

### Parking

Please take care when parking and dropping off your children at school. It is getting very congested and there have been near misses with cars. Please be careful and patient when you are driving on the carpark to ensure everyone is safe.

### Contact details

Please keep the school informed of any changes to your contact details, in particular your telephone numbers, in the case that we may have to contact you in an emergency.

### Collection of your child

If you are late or you are asking someone else to pick your child up from school, it is very important that you telephone the school before 2:30pm to let them know. Please ensure that the password you have chosen/been given is shared with the office and staff to ensure that child are released safely. The gates are locked at 3:10pm. To collect your child go to school office .

### Nursery entrance

A polite reminder to parents that when you are waiting for your children in Nursery and Reception classes to be dismissed, please keep an eye on your younger and older children that are with you. The staff in EYFS are concerned that children are playing and climbing on areas in the playground. We do not want accidents to happen or equipment broken or damaged, so please ensure that the children stay by you and not play unattended on the EYFS equipment. Please support us in this matter.

### Film Month

Classes from across the school have had the opportunity to visit the Cinema this term. The Films that the children will see are linked to their topic within the curriculum. Letters have been sent out, if you haven't received one for your child please see Mrs Holwell or Mrs Hitch at the school office.

### Class Masses

You are very welcome to join our school masses weekly on a Thursday at 9:15am in the school hall or in church as a whole mass. The children prepare the masses with their teacher during the week and come together to celebrate mass on a Thursday morning. **Please join us.**

### First Holy Communion and Confirmation

If your child is a baptised Catholic and he/she is in another year group or have recently joined our school and you would like them to make the sacrament of Communion next year then please do not hesitate to speak with Mrs Holden. Alternately, you can speak with Father Erasmus or telephone him on 0121 558 1065. There will be a letter going home soon about a parents meeting on Tuesday 15th November at 3:15pm for communion preparation with Father Erasmus and Mrs Holden.

### Harvest

A huge thank you parents for donating food to school in aid of Brushstrokes. They have asked for me to pass on a big thank you for your support and to let you know that the food donated has gone to families in need in the community.

### Month of Remembrance

A big thank you parents and children for donating to the poppy appeal that has started this week. The children were able to contribute by buying poppies, rulers, pencils, bracelets amongst other things. Once a total comes into school of how much we have donated I will inform you. On November 11<sup>th</sup> the school will be observing a 2 minute silence together.

Thank You

### Parent Workshops

This half term we will be inviting you to workshops to aid in supporting your children with their learning. A huge thank you to the parents that attended the RML and class workshops last half term.

### Year 6 Booster Classes

Boosters have started for year 6 children until Spring 2016. The boosters are on a Monday and Wednesday, from 3-4 pm. Please ensure your child has good attendance. In 2017 the class will be sitting SATS tests and the booster classes will support them to access the tests.

### Anti -Bullying Week

The week beginning 14th November is national Anti-Bullying Week. During the week the children will be joining in workshops to look at aspects of all bullying, cyber, phone and other aspects of bullying. We hope that by the end of this week the children have a clear understanding of how to identify signs and what to do to get help. If you have any concerns about your child, please do not hesitate to contact myself.

### Parish Christmas Bazaar

Over the next coming weeks, there will be a mufti days to support with Christmas Bazaar. **Please see separate flier for first mufti day.** The Christmas Bazaar is on Saturday 3rd December from 12:00 - 2:00pm in the school hall. Please join us, there will be lots of fun to be had by all!!!

### Safety in the dark

Parents and children please be extra vigilant whilst coming to and from school during these dark winter periods. At the moment there is a lot of excitement with fireworks and bonfire night. Please remind the children about safety. There are afterschool clubs ending after dark so please be sure that your child is able to get home safely.

## Dates for your Diary

**Tuesday 8th November**—Parents evening

**Monday 14th November**—Anti-Bullying week.

**Monday 14th November**—School photographer for individual photographs.

**Tuesday 15th November**—Parents meeting for Enrolment for First Holy Communion.

**Sunday 20th November**— School Parish mass for Enrolment of First Holy Communion children.

**Monday 21st November**—Retreat day in school to celebrate the end of the year of Mercy.

**Saturday 3rd December** — Christmas Bazaar 12.00 - 2.00pm

**Friday 9th December**—Foundation Stage Production

**Tuesday 13th December**— KS1 Production

**Week beginning 14th December** - Children's Christmas parties EYFS, KS1 and KS2

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December** - KS2 Carol Concert

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December** - End of term mass at 9:15am

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas jumper day and end of term and children break up at 3:00pm

**Tuesday 3rd January 2017**—Teacher training day and school is closed.

**Wednesday 4th January 2107** - Children return to school.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. Please keep it in a safe place for future reference.

*Mrs Hinton*