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Dear Parents,

We were able to welcome Year Six parents into the hall today to join our collective worship, led by Year Six. It was a whistle-stop tour of the knowledge rich work they've been doing in Literacy and History, focusing on War Horse and the World Wars. It ended with a beautiful reflection, mentioning two saints – Maximilian Kolbe and Josephine Bakhita – but also emphasising that we are all called to become saints. This is our vocation as Catholics and a beautiful sentiment to keep in mind this weekend and next week. Well done, Year Six; your assembly made my morning and it was so good to see so many parents present too.

Golden Book

Reception: Henry Doran has become much more confident and independent in class. He has tried so hard and made super progress with his writing in literacy this week. Well done, Henry! (My apologies for missing Reception off last week – my fault entirely!)

Year One: this week, Oliver Ellard has worked extremely hard especially in his maths lessons where he has completed subtraction picture problems, learning from his mistakes and applying all his newfound knowledge in his work.

Year Two: Zach Lloyd, for trying extremely hard in every subject this week. He has been joining his handwriting and thinking about his phonics in literacy as well as listening so carefully when we were doing column addition and subtraction in maths.

Year Three: Niamh Lloyd because of her focus during lessons throughout this week and her well justified discussion piece on the Stone Ages.

Year Four: Alessandra Kartios for writing a fantastic play script, including lots of the key features and for applying great effort in lessons. Keep up the excellent work, Alex!

Year Five: Naomi Cunnane for always producing excellent work and always participating in group discussion and always voicing her own opinion very eloquently.

Year Six: Ronan Pickering - For putting one hundred percent effort and enthusiasm into our class assembly practises. You have been a great role model for others this week with your sensible and mature attitude.

Parent Consultations

By now, everyone should have received a text allowing them to book an appointment electronically via Teachers2Parents app. This will be the system we use to book appointments from now on, but I welcome your feedback.

In a slight change of plans, Parents Consultations will take place in the hall, with the classroom reserved for looking at examples of the children's work. The Book Fair will be left side of the Reception classroom (children's books will be on the right side) until 18:00pm.

Book Fair

All children will get chance to peruse the selections of books throughout the day. Parents can browse on Monday and Wednesday from 8:30 until 8:55 (with children) and each afternoon from 15:30 until 16:30.

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A wonderful act of kindness from one of our pupils

Ellie in Year Five turned up for school on Monday with very short hair – she had it all chopped off for charity on Friday, sending her hair to the little Princess Trust and any sponsor money to Cancer Research UK (Children and Young People). It's was all her own idea too! Wonderful to see such faith in action.

Below is a link should you wish to donate also:
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/deborah-gresty-helliwell1>



Reception Open Day(s) A talk and tour of the school for Prospective Reception Open Day parents will take place on 2/11/21, 3/11/21, 4/11/21 at 14:00-15:00. It will involve a talk about our Catholic ethos and vision for curriculum, a short tour of the Reception area and time for Q&As. Use the booking function via Eventbrite to book your slot:
<https://tinyurl.com/SAB-bookhere>

Paris Parents' Meeting: Thursday 21st October 14:30

This initial meeting has been arranged at short notice, with the primary aim to share information and get feedback from parents. All current parents from Years Four and Five are invited to attend.

Further meetings are to be arranged to move discussion forward and explore options, with the next in the diary likely to be Thursday 4th November at 5:30pm, subject to confirmation.

Reminders from previous letters:

- **parents of children in the CURRENT Reception class are invited in on Monday 8th November 2 PM**, where information will be shared about our Catholic ethos, our approach to spelling, our homework policy and our approach to phonics and early reading.

- If your child has a diagnosed allergy, can you contact the school office on enquiry@sab.bham.sch.uk with the heading **Allergens** with their name, class, allergen, severity and medical information:

- If you haven't yet done so, please pay the voluntary contribution for School Fund of £39 per family via School Money, our school app. All of these funds are spent on items and resources that ALL children can access to enrich their experience of the curriculum within school.

- A reminder that parents of children in year Six should submit an application before **31st October** for their child's choice of secondary school.

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CLUBS next week

Please note that due to Parent Consultations, the hall is out of use, we will confirm on Monday morning whether Gaelic Football can go ahead. If it is dry outside it will be on, the same for Tennis on Wednesday.

Dates for your diary

Monday 18th October: Parent Consultations
Wednesday 20th October: Parent Consultations
Thursday 21st October: Year Four and Year Five Parent Paris meeting 14:30
Friday 22nd October: Break up for half term

Monday 1st November: School re-opens
Tuesday 2nd November: Reception Open day for prospective parents
Wednesday 3rd November: Reception Open day for prospective parents
Thursday 4th November: Reception Open Day for prospective parents
Monday 8th November: Reception Open Day (current pupils)
Tuesday 9th November: Nasal Flu Vaccination
Thursday 18th November: FHC meeting 6pm School Hall Yr 3 Parents

Thursday 2nd December: Sacrament of Reconciliation 6pm Parish Church YR 3
Friday 3rd December: KS1 @ One Snowy Night 1pm (MAC Theatre trip)

Wednesday 8th December: Whole School Mass (Immaculate Conception)

Tuesday 7th December: Christmas Jumper Day
£1 donation for Advent charities AND
Staff / Children Christmas meal

Thursday 9th December: KS2 @ James and the Giant Peach (Theatre trip)

Monday 13th December: KS1 Nativity PM

Tuesday 14th December: KS1 Nativity PM

Wednesday 15th December: KS1/2 Christmas parties (pm)

Friday 17th December: Whole School mass

Birthdays this week

Happy birthday to Cara in Year Five who was ten on Tuesday. Both Olivia and Riley from Year Six were eleven on Thursday, and a happy birthday also to Henry in Year Two is a seven tomorrow.

I wish all our children and parents a wonderful week. One more week to go until half-term and when the children (and staff) can enjoy a well-deserved rest.

May God bless you and keep you safe!

Mr Clinton
Head of School