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Dear Parents,

What a busy week we have had! A huge well done to Year Five for leading whole school collective worship this morning: it was an important reminder of Pope Francis' message on Laudato Si.

Today we say goodbye, for now, to Mrs Healy who is starting her maternity leave. We wish her and baby Healy all the best. We will keep you updated for any news to share. The only question that remains is whether it is a boy or a girl?!

Thank you for all Year Three children and their grownups who attended their First Holy Communion workshop yesterday on friendship. We are looking forward to celebrating mass together on Sunday.

Golden Book

Reception: Alec Burns for amazing effort and attitude towards his work this week. Alec has developed in independence and confidence in all aspects of his work and play. Keep up the hard work, Alec!

Year One: Amelie approaches everything with a positive attitude and gives 100%. She is a fantastic role model for her peers demonstrating excellent manners. This week she has been working hard to make sure that her sentences make sense, and ensure her punctuation is correct. Amelie, you're a star!

Year Two: Jacques Slattery-Pope for being a fantastic member of our class. You always contribute to our lessons with such wonderful ideas and go out of your way to

help your classmates too. Well done, Jacques!

Year Three: Maxim Griffiths for his imaginative and creative reimagining of the Egyptian Cinderella in Literacy this week. Not only did he use lots of adventurous vocabulary, he experimented with different sentence types to create a piece that was engaging to read. Keep up this excellent work!

Year Four: Seamus Griffin for showing fantastic skills in maths lessons with statistics and for consistently performing well on TTRS, in turn being a times table super star! Keep up the excellent work!

Year Five: Hayden Perry for taking time to spend his lunchbreak with Roy and Joy and said that spending the time with them is the highlight of his week. He has really taken on a lot of responsibility. I am so proud of you Hayden. Well done!

Year Six: Kai Edwards for being a role model for hard work and determination. He has produced some super work this week, especially his biography about Dame Ellen Pinent.

Keyboard lessons

Thank you for all your interest in keyboard lessons. These will start this Thursday 27th January during school time and is currently full booked.

St Chad's visit

The children of Year Six attended St Chad's cathedral yesterday as part of their Confirmation preparation. They thoroughly enjoyed their day and were complimented on both their knowledge and their behaviour. We are very proud of them!

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we are all **learning to live, love and work together.**

INSET DAY

Monday 28th February is now an INSET day so children will return to school after half-term on Tuesday 1st March.

Local Elections

Birmingham City Council has requested to use the school site as a polling station for the local elections on **Thursday 5th May 2022**. Therefore, school will be closed to all staff and children on this day

Queen's Jubilee

An additional bank holiday is taking place in 2022 in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This is taking place on Friday 3rd June. As this Bank Holiday falls during half term, the DfE has agreed to reduce the number of days that schools must be open for from 195 to 194 days. As such, St Ambrose Barlow Catholic Primary School will now be closed on Friday 22nd July, so the school year will now end on **Thursday 21st July at 2pm**.

Year Six Alton Castle

On Tuesday 8th February, Year Six will travel to Alton Castle for a Confirmation day retreat. Ahead of making their Confirmation, our Year Six children will think about how they will use the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit to let the flame of their faith shine. As they prepare to be confirmed into their faith and prepare for the Holy Spirit to be sealed within them, this day retreat programme will enable them to explore their unique relationship with God through the challenges the children are set. This day will start at 10am, but children will travel by coach and depart from school at 8:30am. They will return by 4pm. Mrs Bresnen has sent a letter out regarding this. Thank you, parents, for your continued support in your child's journey of faith.

After-school clubs

The following clubs are operating this term. All are now full except Karate, which is open to Year Two and above, and Tag Rugby, which is open to Year One and above.

Gaelic football will start after half-term when the nights are a little lighter.

Monday	Club	Cohort
Monday	Gaelic football	All (starting from Feb half-term)
Tuesday (am)	Karate	KS2 – spaces available.
Tuesday (pm)	AVFC Football	KS2
Wednesday	Tennis	KS2
Thursday (hall)	Dance	Rec and KS1
Thursday (playground)	Tag Rugby	KS1 and KS2 – spaces available.
Thursday (library)	Choir	KS2

January dates for your diary

Fri 28th Jan: Year One Class Mass 14:00

February dates for your diary

Fri 4th Feb: Year Four Class assembly 9:00

Tues 8th Feb: Year Six Day Retreat to Alton Castle (details to follow)

Fri 18th Feb: Year Two class Mass 14:00

Fri 18th Feb: Break up at 15:30

Mon 28th Feb: School closed (INSET day)

March dates for your diary

Tues 1st March: School re-opens

Wed 2nd March: Whole School Mass for Ash Wednesday 9:30

Thurs 3rd March: World Book Day (Children to dress as book characters)

Mon 14th March: Parent Consultations 3:40 – 6:20

Wed 16th March: Parent Consultations 3:40 – 6:20

Fri 25th March: Year Two Class Assembly 9am

Mon 28th March: Year Six @ Boreatton Park (Five day residential)

April dates for your diary

Fri 1st April: Year Five Class Mass

Mon 4th April: Reconciliation for KS2

Wed 6th April: Piano and choir concert
2pm

Mon 11th April: Year Three Holy Week
Assembly

Tues 12th April: Year Four Holy Week
Assembly

Wed 13th April: Year Five Holy Week
Assembly

Thurs 14th April: Year Six Holy Week
Assembly
School closes at 2pm for end of term

May dates for your diary

Tues 3rd May: School re-opens after
Easter

Tues 3rd May: First Communion parents
meeting 6pm

Thurs 5th May: School closed for local
elections

Sat 7th May: First Holy Communion (10am
and 11:30am)

Fri 20th May: Year One class assembly

Thurs 26th May: Whole School Mass 9:30
(The Ascension)

Fri 27th May: Procession 2pm

Birthdays this week...

Happy birthday to Nicolas Grange in Year Three who was eight on Monday; Joshua Aju in Year Five was ten on Tuesday; Jayden Parsons in Year Six was eleven on Wednesday; Amelie in Year One was six on Thursday, and happy birthday to Sonny Fitzpatrick from Year Three who is eight today. That is quite some week of birthdays!

I want to leave you with a prayer that Bianca from Year Four passed to me, beautifully presented and decorated with the emblem of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We had an assembly about how Jesus's heart is burning with love for all of humanity and for each of all individually.

*Guide me, Lord;
You are my heart,
You are my strength,
You are my hope.*

*Teach me, Lord,
And guide my way.
I love you more,
Each passing day;
Your love for me,
Is like nothing ever before,
Amen.*

God bless you all. Have a lovely weekend and I shall see you on Monday morning.

Mr Clinton



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