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Dear Parents,

Next Monday and Wednesday, our Parent Consultations are taking place in the hall. Parents can meet their child's teacher and have time before or after the appointment to visit the classrooms and enjoy their child's work so far. I will be available for any drop-in sessions or impromptu meetings, should you wish to discuss any aspect of school life here. We are blessed with children who work so well, parents who are so supportive and teachers who work so hard. Please come and celebrate the curriculum and Catholic Life with us.

We will gather as a school on Monday in a special assembly at 10am - joining with Archbishop Bernard Longley and schools from across the Archdiocese of Birmingham and beyond for a time of prayer and reflection in the presence of the relics of St. Bernadette. His Grace will lead us in praying the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary together.

We end this week with Fr Paul leading Year Two's class Mass (to which parents are invited) and we will end next week with Year Six's Class Assembly – a lovely way to book end our week!

Golden Book

Reception: Nancy Herron for participating in our phonics sessions and consistently applying her phonics knowledge in her Literacy work this week. Nancy has tried very hard to identify initial sounds and blend sounds together. Keep up the hard work, Nancy!

Year One: Erin Jackson has worked really hard since starting Year One. She is more confident in using phonics in her work and is becoming speedy and recognising the sounds. Erin is a great role model; she always uses her manners and shows kindness every day. She approaches everything with a smile and a positive attitude. Well done, Erin!

Year Two: Conall Corrigan for settling into life at St Ambrose Barlow so well. He is always listening carefully and can be relied on to always have his hand up, ready to contribute to the lesson. As well as this, at lunch time, he has shown what a kind friend he is, helping out with the younger children. Well done, Conall.

Year Three: Cynthia Cunnachie for having a fantastic week. She has tried her best in everything she has done, showing determination and resilience, especially in Maths. Cynthia is a considerate and loving member of Year Three who shows compassion to all.

Year Four: Charlie McNally for his outstanding hard work in Maths. Charlie has shown determination in every lesson, pushing himself to answer more challenging questions that require a variety of different approaches. Well done, Charlie!

Year Five: Sophie Fernando because of the consideration she gives to her audience and genre when she was writing her heroic legend. Her choices of language - including sentence types and vocabulary - has been carefully selected to captivate her reader. We are very much looking forward to reading her completed piece.

Year Six: Daisy-May Edington for her complete dedication to learning. She contributes actively to class discussions,

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takes responsibility for improving and up-levering her own work and listens attentively at all times. As a result, she is already making super progress in Year Six. A great start to her final year here!

Mini-Vinnies

The positions of vice-president, treasurer, secretary and communications officer remain open and will be filled by our willing applicants. These positions are open to anyone in Year Five and Six. After this week's launch was postponed, it will be launched this coming Monday. Applications are open to all – regardless of whether they already have a job or role in class or school, including the School or Spiritual Council.

Year Five and Six Residential

There is a meeting this Thursday at 3pm in the school hall for any parents who wish to have further information or ask questions about payments, staffing, timetables, kit, and timings for children who are either attending our continental or UK based residential. Following the meeting, I will send a letter out with all the same information so attendance is not necessarily mandatory!

Caught Being KiVa

As well as Conall's wonderful kindness as mentioned in the Golden Book, Mrs O'Driscoll has also remarked on how well Caitlyn Ansermoz and Daisy-May Edington (one of our prefects and also in the Golden Book this week) supported and played with two of our younger boys at lunch, helping them eat and then spending the rest of their break with them.

Friends of St Ambrose Barlow (FoSABS)

AGM

Please come along to our Friends of St Ambrose Barlow (FoSABS) Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Tuesday 1st November at the parish hall at 5:30pm. It is open to

anyone: new parents with children in Reception, existing parents or grandparents of a child in school, members of the parish or someone with an interest in fundraising and supporting the school. Tea, coffee and possibly cake will be served! I can promise you that many hands make light work and that the more that attend the easier it is to plan events. Most events (almost) run themselves.

All we need, for transparency's sake, is to elect a chair to move future meetings along, a secretary to take notes and share information and a treasurer to sign cheques and make payments. Once events are planned, we have a wonderful parent body who are happy to step in and volunteer. Come along and hear our plans! Possible events for this year include Film Clubs for KS1 and KS2, a quiz night or wine tasting in the parish centre, a Christmas card making competition, a disco, a 50/50 club. Please remember that EVERY penny and pound raised is for your children.

Birthdays this week...

Happy birthday to Kieron in Year Two who was seven on Wednesday, and Bella in Year One who was six and Tobin who Reception who was five on the same day. Happy birthday to Cian in Year Four who was nine on Thursday.

October Dates for your diary

Mon 10th Oct: Parent Consultations 3:40 – 6:20

Wed 12th Oct: Parent Consultation 3:40 – 6:20

Thurs 13th Oct: Year Two children @ Hall Green library

Thurs 13th Oct: Year Five and Six parent meeting re: residential trip 3pm

Fri 14th Oct: Year Six Assembly 9am

Mon 17th Oct: BOOK FAYRE WEEK

Thurs 20th Oct: School closes for half term

Fri 21st Oct: School closed for INSET

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Mon 31st Oct: School re-opens for all children

November dates for your diary

Tuesday 1st Nov: Whole School Mass for All Saints' Day 9:30

Tues 1st Nov: FOSABS AGM 5:30pm @ Parish Hall

Thurs 3rd Nov: FHC parents @ Parish Hall 6pm

Fri 4th Nov: Year Six @ St Chad's

Sat 5th Nov: FHC Children @ Parish Hall 10am-12pm

Sun 6th Nov: FHC children @ Sunday Mass 10am

Fri 11th Nov: Year One Class Mass 2:30pm

Thurs 17th Nov: Confirmation Parent meeting @ Parish Hall 6pm

Fri 18th Nov: Year Three Assembly 9am

Sat 26th Nov: Confirmation children @ Parish Hall 10am-12pm

Sun 27th Nov: Confirmation children @ Sunday Mass 10am

Tues 29th Nov: Influenza vaccinations (am)

Tues 29th Nov: KS1 Theatre trip (pm) to Mac for 'Pins and Needles'

December dates for your diary

Thurs 1st Dec: Year Three Reconciliation Service 6pm

Fri 2nd Dec: Reception Nativity 2pm

Mon 5th Dec: Year One Nativity 2pm

Tues 6th Dec: Year Two Nativity 2pm

Wed 7th Dec: KS2 theatre trip 'Nativity Two' @ B'ham Rep

Thurs 8th Dec: Whole School Mass of the Immaculate Conception 9:30

Thurs 8th Dec: Staff and children Christmas dinner

Wed 14th Dec: KS2 Carol Concert 7pm

Fri 16th Dec: Whole School Mass 9:30am

Fri 16th Dec: Break up at 2pm

Have a good weekend. I will look forward to seeing you at Parent Consultations.

God bless,



Mr Clinton