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Dear Parents,

You will certainly be aware that we received our Ofsted call on Monday and hosted a team of two inspectors on Tuesday and Wednesday. I obviously am not in a position to share the final grade, as it has to go through some quality assurance, but what I will say is that I could not be prouder of the school, the staff and the children during this time. When I received the initial phone call on Monday morning I closed the conversation by saying it would be the children who sell the school to any visitor, and this could not have been more true. 'This was, in fact, the lead inspector's closing remark back to the school, when she was reporting to Governors last night.

The full written report will be shared when it is ready, which should be some weeks after half-term. The whole process was rigorous but also hugely fair and balanced. There is a real trust in the leadership of the school and why we do what we do. I certainly do not think either inspector will be reading our newsletter but, if they were, I would like to place on record my thanks and appreciation to their hard work and professionalism.

Golden Book

Reception: Theo Edwards for growing in confidence and independence since starting in Reception. Theo has tried very hard to get himself dressed in PE, write his name by himself and participate in our class discussions. We are very impressed with Theo's positive attitude towards his work this week. Keep up the hard work, Theo!

Year One: This week, Ella Kirby has been fantastic at having the confidence to work independently in most of her subjects. She is able to use a part-whole model to create different addition number sentences and she checks her work for mistakes. She does everything with an enormous smile and always makes everyone happy around her. Thank you for all of your hard work this week, Ella. Well done!

Year Two: Aurora Clifton for putting so much effort into her work. She always tries her very best and has the enthusiasm to share her ideas. She also deserves praise for showing how kind and compassionate she is to her peers on a daily basis. We are very proud of her!

Year Three: Zach Lloyd for his determination to improve his reading skills and his positive attitude in all lessons. He is always keen to contribute ideas in class and is always enthusiastic about learning new things. And now....

Year Four: Niamh Lloyd for putting a lot of effort into her Maths lessons this week. Niamh has pushed herself to answer questions both in her workbook and in class discussions. As well as this, Niamh lives to our values of being compassionate and loving in all she does. Well done, Niamh!

Year Five: Bianca Hammondson for her performance of a persuasive speech. Bianca worked really hard to create a persuasive speech in Literacy about why we should all visit a British island (in this case, the Isle of Skye). She did her own research, created her own fact file, and wrote up her notes outside of lessons. Within Literacy lessons, she focused on her feedback and created a wonderful speech. Well done, Bianca!

With **St. Ambrose Barlow** as our guide and **Jesus** at our side,
we are all **learning to live, love and work together.**

Year Six: Oisin Finnegan for his amazing effort with his writing this week. He has worked really hard to improve his handwriting and presentation and has amazed us with his editing skills. He has been a role model for determination and perseverance. Keep up the good work, Oisin!

***Important* Parent Meetings**

Reception Phonics Workshop: Wednesday 2nd November 5:30pm

Year One Phonics and Reading Workshop: Thursday 10th November 5:30pm

Year Four Writing workshop: Thursday 17th November 9am

Year Six Writing workshop: Tuesday 22nd November 9am

Year Five Writing workshop: Tuesday 29th November 9am

Year Three Writing workshop: Thursday 5th January 9am

Year Two Writing workshop: Tuesday 10th Jan 9am

Year One Writing workshop: Tuesday 17th January 9am

Caught Being KiVa

Caitlyn Ansermoz in Year Six consistently holds the doors open on the Year 5/6 corridor for all her peers in Upper Key Stage 2. She does this with a smile on her face and always asks children and staff how they are. She is an asset to the school!



Cayden in Reception was caught being KiVa by Mrs Bresnen. He showed the values and virtues of our school brilliantly

when sharing with his peers and putting their feelings before his own. We are all so proud of you, Cayden!

Half-term homework

Thank you for continuously supporting your children at home with their daily reading, spellings and TTRS/Numberbots homework.

Over the half term, please continue to read as much as possible and recall their previous learning. In the interests of everyone's workload, there are no new spellings or TTRS/Numberbots until returning after the break.

Message from Fr Paul

If you are thinking about becoming Catholic, Fr Paul is running informal classes on Wednesday evenings at 6pm. Sessions last for about 45 minutes. If you'd like to join the group with a view to being baptised or received into the Church next Easter, then come along to find out more. Email stambrose.bham@rcaob.org.uk or message 07939137205.

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 and the more people who attend, the easier it is to plan events. Once events are planned, we have a wonderful parent body who are happy to step in and volunteer. Come along and hear our plans!

Birthdays this week...

Happy birthday to Maeve in Year Three who was eight on Tuesday and happy birthday to Darron, who in Year Three, who is eight today!

Happy birthday to all those who celebrate during half term, including Lily In Year Six,

who is 11 on the 28th, Noah in Year Four who is nine on 29th and Florence in Year Two who is seven on the 30th!

October Dates for your diary

Fri 21st Oct: School closed for INSET

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

Wed 2nd Nov: Reception Phonics workshop 5:30pm

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

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

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

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

Thurs 10th Nov: Year One Phonics and Reading workshop 5:30pm

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

Thurs 17th Nov: Year Four writing workshop 9am

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

Fri 18th Nov: Year Three Assembly 9am

Fri 18th Nov: Year 5/6 Sleepover organised by the Mini-Vinnies

Tues 22nd Nov: Year Six writing workshop 9am

Fri 25th Nov: Non-uniform day in exchange for a bottle donation (Parish Christmas Fayre)

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: Year Five writing workshop 9am

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

Enjoy half-term and I look forward to seeing you on Monday 31st, relaxed and well-rested. I think we all need the break after so much hard work!

God bless,



Mr Clinton