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Dear Parents,

Year Three led our prayer and liturgy this morning with a wonderful assembly that was well attended by parents and thoroughly enjoyed by our children. I am delighted by such assemblies and have said before that it is so wonderful to see the children's humour and confidence come to the fore. You will be aware if you have attended any recent parent meetings (Year Four's Literacy workshop, Year Six parents' Confirmation workshop and the First Holy Communion workshops in the parish hall) that, at St Ambrose Barlow, we believe in education of the whole child so they have the skills and knowledge and confidence to live life to the full. That is a quote from St John's Gospel but serves to illustrate the value we place on the personal development to our pupils. It is also something that Ofsted picked up on and I never need any excuse to celebrate the success of our pupils!

Golden Book

Reception: Tobin Slattery-Pope for consistently working hard in all he does. Tobin has tried his best in Literacy this week. He has produced two pieces of fantastic writing by applying his phonic knowledge independently. Tobin has been very considerate towards his peers and very helpful around the classroom. Well done, Tobin!

Year One: Ismaeel Saghir has been a Maths superstar this week! He has worked hard to apply his knowledge of subtraction and use a number line correctly to solve calculations. Ismaeel also was able to use his prior learning by identifying a 3D shape

in the reception classroom! Fantastic work Ismaeel - keep it up!

Year Two: Vinnie Shaw for showing great independence during R.E while recalling the events of the calling of the first disciples. Vinnie also consistently shows great recall and was able to name the 4 Gospel writers today without being prompted.

Year Three: Edward Newman for consistently working hard in each subject and challenging himself to always improve his work. Edward is a very kind and helpful member of Year Three and is always willing to help others both inside the classroom and outside on the playground. Well done Edward!

Year Four: Lily Cunnachie for her fantastic effort in all that she does! Lily is a role model in the classroom, consistently applying her all and pushing herself to achieve further. This week Lily had an amazing score in her spelling test and she should be very proud of herself!

Year Five: Freya Nixon for showing determination and not giving up even when finding some things hard. She persevered and showed that she was working her hardest. She demonstrated that she is a role model for her peers and I am proud of her for carrying on. Well done, Freya!

Year Six: Charlie Mills for having an outstanding attitude towards learning. He puts one hundred percent effort into all that he does and tackles challenges with a positive mindset and a smile on his face. He is always eager to improve his work and achieve the best that he can.

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

School sleepover

This is happening tonight! Thanks to the staff who have given up their Friday evening to help support the children in their fundraising efforts. It will be a fun evening (hot chocolate and a film tonight, toast tomorrow morning) but it also has a very serious message at its heart: there are many in our local community who are struggling and the funds raised will go to charities that support and care for such people, especially those living on our streets as the nights get colder and darker. I am hugely proud of the children, their social conscience and their faith in action.

School absence

If your child is ill, please phone the office before 9am. There is an option to leave a message if the call is not answered but there is usually someone on site from when school opens but certainly from 7:30.

We have had some recent cases of Conjunctivitis and, following advice from the NHS, children must stay off school until 24 hours after treatment has started. It is contagious and such measures are intended to limit outbreaks.

Finally, COVID infections are on the rise again. Following a positive test, please ensure children remain off school for five days to reduce the risk of the virus being passed on.

School lunches

Please remember that we are a nut free school. Please do not send your child in with any nuts in their lunchbox – this includes items that may contain nuts, and also includes chocolate spreads that often have hazelnuts as their base. Save the Nutella for the pancakes at the weekend instead!

Important Parent Meetings

We had our first writing workshop of the academic year on Thursday, when parents of our Year Four pupils joined us in exploring our Alan Peat sentence styles and writing a descriptive passage. The children were fantastic and both parents and staff alike were proud of their work. Please see below for other dates coming up.

- 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

St Ambrose Barlow PTA

The next event in the diary is on **Tuesday 13th December** when we are hosting our first Film Club. A letter regarding tickets will be sent out on Monday and consent forms and cash can be returned to school.

A reminder that tickets for the Christmas raffle are £1 a strip and can be bought from the class reps below:

Reception	Melissa Brown
Year One	Cara Burns
Year Two	Emily Aston-McGuinness
Year Three	Laura Fitzpatrick
Year Four	Magdalena Szemla
Year Five	Amy Brady
Year Six	Jenny McGarry

Prizes are as follows:

- £250 cash
- £100 cash
- £50 cash
- Hospitality tickets for Birmingham City Football club
- Dishoom restaurant vouchers

Tickets can be sold to whoever: friends, family, staff, children, parishioners! If you wish to share ideas, please email our chair, Mrs Currington (Alex from Year Two's mother), at SAB.PTA@outlook.com



Reception Open Day

Our final Open Afternoon has been arranged for Wednesday 30th November at 2pm. Please tell anyone you know who may be interested!

Notes from the office

- Please ensure all items (including hats and scarves) are clearly labelled with the child's name and class. This makes it much easier for any staff or prefects to deliver errant items back to their rightful owner.
- Please ensure any payments for school trips or school dinners are made promptly and contact the office or Mr Clinton if there is an issue that we need to be made aware of.
- It is a mere four weeks away from the end of Autumn term so children should be in winter uniforms now. This means jumpers and long trousers until after Easter.

Birthdays this week...

Happy birthday to Tommy in Year One who was six on Tuesday. Sonny in Year Two was seven on Thursday; Chris (one of our new starters in Reception) who was five on Thursday too, and Alex in Year Five was ten on Thursday also! Sebastian in Reception is five today and Ethan in Year One is six tomorrow. We hope all enjoy their birthday weekend!

Finally...

On Friday 25th November, the school is having a non-uniform day in aid of the parish (specifically their bottle tombolo). There is no charge for wearing own clothes but if you can make a bottle donation (one per family) of something preferably-alcoholic, all offerings can be passed to the parish for their Christmas fete. All bottles of beer, Babycham, bottles of single malt, and many more besides gratefully received.

November dates for your diary

Tues 22nd Nov: Year Six writing workshop 9am

Thurs 24th Nov: Year Four visit to Hall Green library

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'

Wed 30th Nov: Open Afternoon 2pm for parents of prospective Reception starters 2023

December dates for your diary

Thurs 1st Dec: SAB Day of Pilgrimage
Thurs 1st Dec: Mini-Vinnies at Manningford House, Druids Heath
Year Three Reconciliation Service 6pm
Thurs 1st Dec: Year Three visit to Hall Green library
Fri 2nd Dec: Reception Nativity 2pm
Sun 4th Dec: Children to lead reading at Mass (more details to follow)
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
Thurs 8th Dec: Year Two visit to Hall Green library
Fri 9th Dec: School choir to sing at the Dementia café
Fri 9th Dec: Keyboard and choir concert 2pm – all parents welcome
Tues 13th Dec: Flute concert 9:30am
Tues 13th Dec: PTA Film Club 3:40pm £2
Wed 14th Dec: KS2 Carol Concert 7pm
Fri 16th Dec: Whole School Mass 9:30am
Fri 16th Dec: Break up at 2pm

January dates for your diary

Tues 3rd Jan: INSET
Wed 4th Jan: Return to school
Thurs 5th Jan: Year Five writing workshop
Fri 6th Jan: Whole School Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany 9:30
Tues 10th Jan: Year Two Writing workshop
Tues 10th Jan: PTA Pantomime 2pm
Tues 17th Jan: Year One Writing workshop
Fri 20th Jan: Year One Class Assembly
Fri 27th Jan: Year Four Class Mass

February dates for your diary

Thurs 2nd Feb: Parent Confirmation meeting 6pm Parish hall
Fri 3rd Feb: Year Two Class Assembly
Sat 4th Feb: Year Six Confirmation workshop
Sun 5th Feb: Confirmation preparation Mass 10am
Fri 10th Feb: Year Six Confirmation Sponsor workshop 2pm
Fri 10th Feb: Confirmation 7pm
Fri 17th Feb: Year Five Class Mass
Fri 17th Feb: Break up at 3:30

Have a wonderful weekend and I will see you next week.

God bless,



Mr Clinton