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Dear parents,

First of all, an apology for sending this on Monday rather than Friday. There are only so many hours in the day and – with staff absence (which are so rare here) and an increased teaching commitment (the joys of Year Six for the day, which was genuinely a pleasure) I knew I wouldn't be able to complete this last week in time.

Golden Book

Year One: Maisie Fullbrook is such a joy to teach! She consistently shows kindness towards others and is always helpful and well-organised in the classroom. Maisie applies herself in all lessons, particularly in Maths, where she is working carefully on her number formation and checking her answers with increasing accuracy. She has also impressed us in R.E., confidently using key vocabulary in her written work. Super work, Maisie—keep it up!

Year Two: Everyone needs a child like Ava McColgan in their class. She is so kind, caring and helpful! Her hand is always up wanting to contribute to our lessons. Ava puts 100% into everything she does and has completed some brilliant work this week, remembering everything she has learnt. Well done, Ava!

Year Three: Ella Mynett for always taking so much pride in her work. Ella's

writing is a pleasure to read as she always tries her best to use adventurous vocabulary and keeps presentation to the highest standard. Ella's behaviour since starting Year Three has been exemplary and she is a joy to have in the classroom. Thank you, Ella.

Year Four: Albie Sweet has shown so much resilience in Maths this week. He has thought deeply about the resources he can use to help him succeed and put this into practice with focus and determination. He is starting to see these efforts pay off and we can see his confidence growing in the subject daily. Keep it up, Albie!

Year Five: Emily Healy is always working quietly and is hasn't gone unnoticed. She is always eager to answer questions in class and strives hard to produce her best work in every lesson. If Mrs McGrory had to choose an example of a brilliant piece of work, she knows know that she could just pick up any of Emily's books and inside would be the evidence required. Every piece of work Emily produces is produced with 100% effort and care. Mrs McGrory is also really delighted to have discovered another avid reader in her class, Keep reading, Emily - you will discover so much and learn lots of new exciting things!

Year Six: Nevaeh Osborne has impressed everyone with her application in Maths but, more than that, two members of staff complimented her on her conduct

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

during Thursday's trip to the library, where she was an excellent role model to all! A wonderful week!

Prayer bags

Throughout the month of October, children will be bringing the bag home for one evening. It is important the bag is returned the next day for children to lead their class in prayer and in order for everyone to get a chance to have a go at taking the prayer bag home.

In the prayer bag you will find a picture of Our Lady, rosary beads and this exercise book. Please ask your son or daughter to write their own prayer to Our Lady in this exercise book. Children will share their work with their classmates the following day.

Parent Consultations

These are happening tonight and on Wednesday and will take place in the hall. Children's books will be in their classroom so please feel free to have a good look through them, either before or after speaking to your child's class teacher.

Harvest Gifts

Thank you for your generosity so far. The class prayer tables and hall display looks fantastic. Our Mini-Vinnies will date the cans next Wednesday, pack them, and then deliver them to their final destination: either the food bank, SIFA Fireside or St Chad's Sanctuary.



Paris

Paris has now been provisionally booked for five days in March 2027, and I will share the final dates directly with parents of those children going. It is likely to cost approximately £700 (and almost certainly a little less than this) but the prices for 2027 are still yet to be confirmed. This will include a trip to Disneyland and travel via the Eurotunnel, as well as accommodation with the chateau itself, and the invariable McDonalds on the return journey! Please be aware that parents are invited a meeting – regardless of their choice of destination – on Monday 10th November at 4:30pm, where payment plans will be shared.

Birthdays last week

Happy birthday to Elora in Year Six who was eleven on Friday! I hope you enjoyed your celebrations over the weekend!



And as I send this today, Jayden in Reception celebrates this fifth birthday. Happy birthday!

October dates for your diary

Mon 13th Oct: Parent Consultations 3:40 – 6:20

Wed 15th Oct: Harvest Mass, 2pm;
Parent Consultations 3:40 – 6:20

Thurs 16th Oct: Year Four at Hall Green Library 2pm

Fri 17th Oct: Year Six Class Assembly

Thurs 23rd Oct: PTA AGM 9am at school;

Year Three at Hall Green Library 2pm

Fri 24th Oct: Break up for half-term

November dates for your diary

Mon 3rd Nov: Children return to school

Tues 6th Nov: Year Six and Year Two at Hall Green Library 2pm

Fri 7th Nov: Year Four Class Mass 2:30pm

Sun 9th Nov: Year Three 'Forgiveness' Mass

Thurs 13th Nov: Year Three First Confessions 6pm

Fri 21st Nov: Year Five Class Assembly

Thurs 27th Nov: Keyboard and choir concert 2:15pm

Sun 23rd Nov: Year Six to lead parish Mass 10am

December dates for your diary

Thurs 4th Dec: KS2 Advent Reconciliation Service

Fri 5th Dec: Reception Nativity 2pm

Mon 8th Dec: Whole School Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Tues 9th Dec: KS1 @ Mac: 'The Owl Who Came For Christmas'

Wed 10th Dec: KS2 @ Rep: 'Sherlock Holmes'

Thurs 11th Dec: KS1 Nativity Year One parents

Fri 12th Dec: KS1 Nativity Year Two parents

Tues 16th Dec: KS2 Carol Service 7pm

Wed 17th Dec: Christmas Dinner and Christmas jumpers

Thurs 18th Dec: KS1/2 Christmas parties (pm)

Fri 19th Dec: Whole School Mass 9:30am; Break up at 2pm: no after-school club

Enjoy the coming week.

I am undecided yet whether to send two newsletters this week or just send one next Monday too. You will know my decision when it arrives in your inbox! God bless,



Mr Clinton