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Dear parents,

Thank you to Year Two who started our day with a wonderful class assembly! I smiled throughout! Thank you to Miss Hookes and Mrs Fayaz and to all the children for their wonderful preparation and singing. It was a lovely start to the day and a great end to the week.

Golden Book

Reception: Lily-Rose Jobin for her fantastic attitude towards her work this week! Lily-Rose has shown her amazing decoding and blending skills in phonics this week and has applied this with great independence in her writing too! She looks after her peers and always offers to help others around her. Keep up the good work, Lily-Rose!

Year One: Mylah Tapper is a ray of sunshine in the Year One classroom. She brings a wonderfully positive attitude to everything she does and is always an active and enthusiastic participant in class discussions. Mylah's writing has a fabulous style, and it's lovely to see her confidently experimenting with a wider range of adjectives and the use of exclamation marks. Her reading is equally impressive, with brilliant expression—it is always a pleasure to listen to her read. You're a star, Mylah!

Year Two: Delilah Smith has shown exceptional effort this week across all

subjects, particularly in Maths where she has tackled challenging concepts with determination. She listens attentively, takes feedback on board, and applies it thoughtfully. Delilah's lines for our class assembly were delivered with clarity, eloquence, and confidence! Well done on all your hard work this week, Delilah!

Year Three: Iva Brose for being a ray of sunshine in our classroom. Iva always has such a positive outlook and big smile on her whenever you see her in school. She is a pleasure to have around. Iva works tremendously hard every day and is excelling in all subjects! Thank you for being such a good role model, Iva.

Year Four: Across this half term, Arla Jones has shown fantastic work ethic. She has pushed herself the extra mile in all subjects showing a real love of learning. She is one of the first to volunteer to help, either in the classroom or with another student. She is a great example to the rest of her class! Well done, Arla!

Year Five: Dermot Picking is a funny, polite and friendly member of our class but this is not the reason why he has chosen him this week. Instead, Mrs McGrory has chosen Dermot because he has really shown maturity and dedication towards his work over the past few weeks. In class, he has shown he is a sensible, hard-working pupil who now really wants to do his best in all subjects. He is listening attentively,

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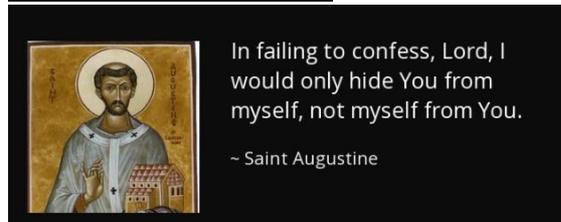
answering questions readily and is striving to challenge himself more which is great as he has great potential. You are really doing well, Dermot, so keep working hard!

Year Six: Niall Earp has been busy showing off just how capable he is to all teachers he works with. His independence continues to grow in a range of areas due to his hard work. Niall has the best sense of humour and really enjoys making his peers and teachers happy. Not only this, he is a brilliant role model to younger pupils and really enjoys guiding them in their play. Keep up the excellent work Niall. You are a superstar!

Key Stage Two Reconciliation

Well done to the children of Year Three, Year Four, Year Five and Year Six who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Wednesday as part of their Lenten preparation. They were, as ever, incredibly well-behaved throughout and were complimented by Father Tim afterwards. My thanks to Canon Sean from Our Lady of Lourdes, Father Austin from Olton Friary, and Father Pat and Father Tim from the Columbans for helping us to experience this Sacrament.

Learn from the Saints



This quotation seems especially appropriate this week. As we explained to the children, God knows all our sins, and can and does forgive anything. It is

the act of admitting them to ourselves where the learning really occurs.

St Patrick's Day

The school has passed across £210 to St Teresa of Calcutta Mac, who will make a donation on behalf of all the schools in the MAC to Father Hudson's Caritas. Thank you for your kind generosity.



I wholeheartedly agree that we should celebrate the heritage of all our home saints – patrons of England and Wales and Scotland as well as Ireland. Thursday 23rd April will also be an own clothes day to celebrate St George and children can wear red or white should they wish. All charity donations for children wearing their own clothes will be passed to St Chad's Sanctuary, a charity that supports asylum seekers here in Birmingham, in line with the British values of tolerance and mutual respect.

CAFOD Sponsored Walk

On Friday 1st May, we will be conducting our sponsored walk and all funds raised will be passed to CAFOD, to fund communities overseas that are in need. Children in Key Stage Two will walk approximately 5-6k whilst children in Key Stage One will walk a slightly shorter route. Children wear own clothes on this day and I hope the sun shines!



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Parent Consultations

Thank you to all parents who attended their appointment this week, with either their class teacher or with Miss Traynor. The conversations that took place - about progress and attainment and targets – mean that a real partnership is built between school and home. Thank you also to Miss Brown who was present for both evenings throughout and will update our School Information System (Bromcom) with any corrections highlighted on the data sheets that were returned. If you do change mobile number or address or find that emails are being delivered to the wrong address, just let the office know and we can correct the information that we hold.

Keyboard concert

Madam Grange hosted our termly choir and keyboard concert yesterday at 2:15pm. The feedback received was excellent and I wish to thank Madam Grange for all she does.

Year Five Maths

Congratulations to Florence Young, John Luckman, Oliver Grange and Helena Ridgeway who attended St Andrew's for the second of three Maths competitions organised by St Peters and blew their competitors away! First place on the night, and now first place overall! The next round is in May and we can all expect great things now.

School Fund

Thank you to those who have paid school fund for this year. As a school, we are requesting £25.00 per pupil to enable us to purchase the added extras

that our pupils both deserve and cherish, which works out at less than a pound a week. I would ask you to consider this contribution and the invaluable difference it makes to resources we have in school.

First Holy Communion and Going Forth Masses

The parents of children in Year Three are invited into school this Tuesday at 9am for a First Holy Communion workshop, working with their child and describing what it is that makes the Mass a celebration. I promise all the hard work will be done by the children. There will be cake! Anyone who has given up chocolate for Lent is granted special dispensation for this day.

Birthdays this week

Happy birthday to Elliot F in Year Two who was seven on Monday. He shared his big day with Hollie, in Year Six who was eleven on the same day. On Tuesday, Oscar in Year Four was nine. Today, Aibhlinn in Year Four is nine and on Sunday, Ella in Reception turns five!



March dates for your diary

Mon 23rd March: Shakespeare Week

Tues 24th March: Year Three First Holy Communion INSPIRE Workshop 9am

Wed 25th March: Whole School Mass for the Annunciation 9:30am;

NO AFTER-SCHOOL TENNIS THIS DAY

Thurs 26th March: Year Five to visit Hall Green library @ 2pm

Thurs 26th March: Year Six Trip to Shakespeare Theatre

Thurs 26th March: Year Three Compton Verney School Trip

Sun 29th March: Year Three children to lead Palm Sunday procession at 10am Mass

Mon 30th March: Year Three 'Palm Sunday' Holy Week Assembly

Tues 31st March: Year Four 'Last Supper' Holy Week Assembly

April dates for your diary

Wed 1st April: Year Five 'Gethsemane' Holy Week Assembly

Thurs 2nd April: Year Six 'Stations of the Cross' Holy Week Assembly; Break up for Easter at 2pm – no after-school club

Mon 20th April: Children return to school for Summer Term

Thurs 23rd April: Children to wear own clothes for St George's Day for a £1 donation

Fri 24th April: Fire service to visit Year Four for 'Sparks' workshop

May dates for your diary

Mon 4th May: School closed for Bank Holiday

Thurs 7th May: School closed for voting – staff INSET

Fri 8th May: Year One Class Assembly 9am

Sat 9th May: First Holy Communion Mass 10am

Mon 11th May: KS2 SATs begin

Fri 15th May: May Procession 2pm from parish church to school

Fri 22nd May: Break up at 3:30 for half term

June dates for your diary

Sun 7th June: Going Forth Mass / Corpus Christi Procession

Fri 12th June: Whole School Mass for feast of Sacred Heart

Tues 16th June: KS1 Sports Day 1:30pm

Wed 17th June: Class photos

Fri 19th June: Reception Class Mass 2:30pm

Tues 23rd June: Year Six to Blackwell Court

Thurs 25th June: Family Mass for leaving families

Sat 27th June: SAB PTA Summer Fete 12-3pm

July dates for your diary

Wed 1st July: Transition Day

Fri 3rd July: Reception Class Assembly

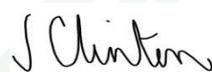
Thurs 9th July: Year Six at B'ham Central Mosque

Fri 10th July: Reports out to parents

Thurs 16th July: Year Six Leavers' Assembly

Fri 17th July: Leavers' Mass

Have a wonderful weekend. Next week is our last full week. Then, when other schools break up next Friday, we remain in school for Holy Week and break up on Thursday 31st March.



Mr Clinton