



**HALF TERM HOLIDAY: PLEASE REMEMBER THAT SCHOOL IS CLOSED ON THURSDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> AND FRIDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER FOR STAFF INSET.**

**Head Teacher: Mrs J Downes**

Mass of Commitment

Thank you to those who attended Parish Mass on Sunday, the children were excellent and sung beautifully too. Father had asked for those who have not had their commitment form, to see him after Mass last Sunday. I hope that you have all been able to do, which will enable your son/daughter to continue on their journey of faith. With the letter, there is a Mass card to be signed each week they attend Mass. Please remember that this can be St Francis Xavier, but that you may also visit other Catholic churches and ask the priest there to sign the Mass attendance record.



**H A R V E S T – First and Last**

This year, we are going to ask that you join in for Harvest in a different way. We are still collecting this month for items for Harvest. Then, following this, we would like to ask if it is something that you can continue to do on a little and often basis, the FIRST and LAST day that we are here each month.

We would like to build an ongoing bank of food for Brush Strokes. Whenever you can after sending in items for Harvest this month, please feel free to send in one or two unperishable items to school. They will be kept in the Wellbeing Room in school.

**OPEN MORNING / AFTERNOON / EVENING**

**We will be holding open mornings and days for our school:**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00 – 11.00am**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 6.00 – 7.00pm**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 1.30 – 2.30pm**

**Please contact the office to book a place. If you are not able to make these dates, please let us know.**

**Behaviour and Attitudes**

We have noticed that many of our children, especially those in Key Stages 1 and 2 are now well versed in what is expected in school and we are really proud of their increasingly good manners and behaviour in class and around school.

***Jesus holds us in the palm of his hand.'***



I have spoken in assembly about taking respecting play equipment. After spending in excess of £50,000 on improving the outdoor environment, I expect that children will continue to demonstrate how they can look after their school environment. More equipment can and will be bought, but we must ensure that children are taking care of what we purchase for them and are being careful and considerate with sharing what we have.

Another area I have been looking at with the children is bullying and what to do if they experience it or witness it. **EVERY** member of staff in school and **EVERY** adult in school is responsible for the safeguarding of our girls and boys. We are working to ensure that children know that they can speak to anybody about anything that happens that makes them feel uncomfortable. At times, issues of bullying behaviour can arise anywhere, in any environment. I would like the children to know that we do not allow it and we do not want our children to be bystanders, by seeing or hearing things and not reporting them. Please reassure them at home that if anything is worrying them, they can approach staff in school to voice their worries. Though issues like these can arise, it does not mean that they will be tolerated.

**EARLY BIRDKEEPERS: Well done Reception, Year 1 and Year 4!**



Well done, there have been 0 late marks in these classes, everyone in those classes can have a house point.

Super Attendance Update

We are extremely proud of our boys and girls who are working hard to be in every day that they can. Here is the attendance for last week for each class:

Class	Attendance	Comment	
Year 5	95%	In line, keep it up!	
Year 6	95%	In line, keep it up!	
Year 2	96%	Well done!	Everyone will have 1 House Point for being above 95% - keep going (or coming in!)
Year 3	97%	Well done!	
Year 4	97%	Well done!	
Reception	98%	Well done!	
Year 5	100%	Outstanding!!!!	Everyone will have 2 House Points – well done!

This is the time of year for coughs and colds, we will be reminding everyone in school of how they can keep themselves safe and well. We will talk about handwashing around mealtimes, after coughing, sneezing, etc.



Dolce Dinners

Thank you for your patience while we still deal with some kitchen issues. We have now (hoepfully!) dealt with all the issues and shoule be cooking on gas!

**Parent / Carer Progress Meeting Day: Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

(MORNING and AFTERNOON/EARLY EVENING APPOINTMENTS ARE AVAILABLE)

Thank you to those who have signed up for meeting with your son / daughter’s class teacher.

There are still space available for those who have not booked. Remember that if you cannot attend, we would still expect to see you or speak to you. You may speak to your son / daughter’s class teacher to arrange a face to face meeting or a telephone appointment.

**Please note that it is a normal school day, so the children finish at the normal time of 3.15pm.**

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# Do you have unwanted uniform at home? Need spare uniform at home?

A message from the Union of Catholic Mothers:

*We will be holding a school uniform swap after 11am Mass at St Francis Xavier Church on **Sunday 27th October and Sunday 3rd November 2019**. All items are free of charge. Please bring along any uniform your children have outgrown to swap for a bigger size*

