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Week beginning September 17th 2018.

Thought for the week:

“Your talent is God’s gift to you, what you do with it is your gift back to God”.

Dear Parents,

Family Mass Sunday September 30th 10.00am. *Everyone is invited to our Mass on Sunday 30th. Both Father Simon and I extend a warm welcome to everyone to come along and join us.* This Mass will be an ideal opportunity to say hello to all our new families and for all of us to start our new year together as a school family.

Parish Fun Day Saturday September 15th 12.00-3.00pm. A reminder that the parish is hosting a “fun day” tomorrow (Saturday). Please do come along there will be lots of activities and fun for everyone. Hopefully it will be dry!

Y3&Y6 Mass. Thanks to the children in Y3/6 for leading our Mass this morning. Next Friday (21st) it will be the turn of Y5 and Y2.

Eucharistic Adoration. On Tuesday we gathered together for a period of reflection and prayer with Archbishop Bernard. Via a live web link all of the Catholic primary schools in the Diocese joined together to take time to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Many thanks to Mr Barton for overseeing event, thanks also to Father Simon and Father Leonard for joining us in what was a lovely way to start our school year together.

Secondary Transfer 2018. A reminder that the online admissions web site is now open and the secondary school open sessions are about to begin. Y6 parents have until the end of October to submit their application form, if any family needs to talk or is unsure about this process please come in to school for a chat. It is a very important decision and my advice would be to visit all your potential schools.

School building Update As I wrote last week over the summer our building programme finally came to an end. There are still some “snagging issues” to be resolved but these are minor and are in hand. The new Nursery is now in use after Miss Winchurch and her team of helpers got it ready. There are still some issues to be resolved, but these are mainly outside the Nursery to improve the environment even further for our youngest children.

Autumn 18 Dates. Spare copies of these can be found in the school office and on our website, please make sure you have a copy so as not to miss out on anything.

Roald Dahl Day. The costumes were brilliant!! Thanks to everyone for your support.



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School Drive. In the interests of everyone's safety, **from Monday the 17th the school drive will only be open to pedestrians.** The main gate will be locked between 9.00-3.00pm and visitors to school in a car will need to use the car park next to church. Before 9.00am the gate will be open so users of our Breakfast Club will be able to drive up to school in the normal way, exercising great caution as always. The pedestrian gate will be in use throughout the day.

School Uniform. Thank you for sending the children back to school looking so smart in their red uniforms. Thank you for your support with our uniform policies, it really is a tradition we can all be rightly proud of. Can I remind everyone that **NO** jewellery of any kind is permitted in school and that trainers are not allowed. Thank you to everyone for your support with these matters.

Reception/Nursery 2018-2019. Well done to all our new children for settling in so well, well done also to the EYFS staff for all their efforts and hard work this week.

Dinner Money 2018-2019. The cost for dinners is £11.50 a week to be paid on a Monday.

Milk Money 2018-2019. The cost of milk is £1.30 per week; please do encourage your child/children to have milk as a healthy option. Likewise, with break time snacks please can I ask you to encourage your children to have a healthy snack.

Breakfast Club 2018-2019. The cost per day is £3. Mrs Teague runs our breakfast club and opens it at 7.45am each morning. The children will receive their breakfast and then head out onto the playground at 8.30am. If anyone is interested in using this facility, please call into school.

Extra-Curricular Clubs. These begin next week (17/9/18) please see the separate letters that came home.

Attendance for week ending September 14th 2018

Year Group	% Attendance
Rec W	98%
RecF	100%
Y1P	96%
Y1F	94%
Y2C	97%
Y2M	99%
Y3B	93%
Y3T	100%
Y4R	99%
Y4D	99%
Y5M	97%
Y5A	97%
Y6B	99%
Weekly Average	97%

Happy Birthday: To everyone that has a birthday this week.

Please pray for: Our school and particular all our new children and families as we start this New Year together.

Finally thanks for all the recyclable material donated this morning, much appreciated.

Many thanks for your co-operation and support with these matters.

M. Aldred Head teacher



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