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Week ending October 26th 2018.

Thought for the week:

“Nothing can be more dangerous than sincere ignorance”.

Dear Parents,

“Faith filled and Hopeful” I am indebted to Mr Barton for leading our assembly on Monday. He introduced our two new Gospel Virtues for the next half term; they are “faith filled” and “hopeful”. At the centre of these two virtues is putting your trust in Jesus and trusting that he will help and support you. We will be talking more about our two new virtues after half term.

School Mass. Thank you to Y4 and Y1 for leading our Mass this morning. Our first Mass after the half term will be led by Y3 and Y6; it will take place on Friday November 9th.

Feast of All Saints/ Souls. November 1st/2nd. A reminder that November is a time in school when we think about those family members that are no longer with us but with Jesus in Heaven. We will display a Book of Remembrance in the hall and we will remember all those who are no longer with us throughout November.

First Holy Communion 2019. First Holy Communion this year will take place on Saturdays May 11th and May 18th.

Sacrament of Reconciliation 2018. Y3B will make their First Confession on Tuesday December 4th at 1.30pm. Y3T will make their First Confession the following week on Tuesday December 11th, again at 1.30pm. The parental workshop for both classes will be on Tuesday November 27th at 1.30pm in the school hall.

Y4D INSPIRE Workshop. Thanks to Ms Dunn for leading our Y4 workshop on Wednesday. Thanks also to everyone that came along, your support as always is much appreciated.

Maths Workshops. Mrs Chandler hosted her final workshop of the half term yesterday for our oldest children. These sessions have run throughout the half term and have been very well attended. Many thanks to all those that came along and thanks to Mrs Chandler for organising the meetings throughout the half term.

Parents Evening. Many thanks to everyone that came along in such great numbers and thanks to ALL the staff for all their hard work on both evenings. I hope the sessions proved informative and helpful. There will be another session for everyone in the spring term. For those families that could not make it Mrs Logue will organise a window of time when the teachers will be available after half term. Please look out for further details in the home school letters.



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Half Term. School breaks up for the half term today *Friday 26th October*. School returns on *Monday November 5th* for the second part of the autumn term.

Reception 2019. Our Open Morning for prospective new parents (2019) took place yesterday. I am indebted to Ms McCarron for producing a wonderful video tour of the school for the parents to enjoy. I would also like to thank our Head boy/girl Kaitlin and Mayokun for demonstrating their excellent presenting skills.

Secondary Schools 2019. For a final time, please see the direct advice below from the local authority, if anyone still needs to talk about any aspect of the process then please call into school. *“We would therefore encourage schools to keep reminding parents of their need to submit an application to us at <https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions> by midnight on 31st October 2018 in order for them to receive their school offer on 1st March 2019. Applications received after 31st October will be considered as late”*

Attendance for the half term ending October 26th 2018

Year Group	% Attendance
Rec W	98%
RecF	97%
Y1P	96%
Y1F	95%
Y2C	96%
Y2M	98%
Y3B	98%
Y3T	97%
Y4R	98%
Y4D	96%
Y5M	96%
Y5A	97%
Y6B	97%
Half Termly Average	97%

Please pray for Mrs Logue who has recently been unwell. I hope that she will be back with us after half term.

The first half term has now ended. I want to thank everyone for their efforts over the last 8 weeks, in particular well done to our youngest children who have “survived” their first half term at school.

To the staff, who as always go that extra mile for the children in their care, many thanks. I hope everyone has a well-earned break.

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

M. Aldred Head teacher



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