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Weekending Friday October 23rd 2020

Thought for the week:

“The opposite of Love is not hate, it is indifference”

Dear Parents,

First Holy Communion 2020 Congratulations to Maria, Neveah, Jordan, Chimamanda and Valentina who all made their First Holy Communion this morning. Many thanks to the parents concerned for their understanding and patience and again my thanks to Father Simon and Mr Barton for all their hard work.

Remembering. After half term, we will be entering the month of November when we are encouraged to remember all those that have died and are no longer with us. Mr Barton will oversee a Book of Remembrance in the school hall. This is something we do every year. We cannot gather properly in the hall at the moment, but each class will put the names of loved ones in the book and we will remember them throughout November. If you would like anyone remembered in school next month please send a note in for Mr Barton's attention.

Coronavirus. *A reminder to everyone to continue following the guidelines given to all of us. Please remember to socially distance with each other and if you need to call into the school office please make sure you are wearing a face covering. Please try to contact school via telephone/e mail only if you can, and please keep re enforcing the messaging around personal hygiene with your child/children. If your child/children are poorly please keep them at home and of course if they have the symptoms of Coronavirus please seek a test. We all need to do our bit to keep the school open for everyone; your continued support with this is much appreciated.*

Y2 returned to school on Tuesday and it really was lovely to welcome them all back. The end classrooms on the bottom floor were very quiet without them. To hear and see the classroom buzzing again has been a joy. It was also lovely to welcome back the staff who have also been self-isolating for 14 days. To all the families another thank you for your understanding and patience. I only hope that there are no more interruptions for any class between now and next spring. The situation however is once more not looking positive so please do keep a check on your phone if I need to contact you quickly. Nobody seems to know how the current situation is



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going to play out so all we can do is follow the guidelines; stay safe and keep school open for everyone where possible.

A final plea to make sure your contact details (phone and email) are up to date, now more than ever this is crucial.

October Half Term. School breaks up for half term today *Friday October 23rd*. *Reception to Y6 will return on Thursday November 5th*. *Nursery begin school on Monday November 2nd*

Secondary School Admissions 2021 A final reminder that the deadline for current Year 6s to complete their Secondary 2021 Preference Form is Saturday 31st October. The Local Authority estimates they are still waiting for over five thousand families to apply. Please follow the advice/links set out below:

Families need to apply online at <https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

Direct link to the application page is <https://eadmissions.birmingham.gov.uk/prefs.php>

Families that apply after the deadline will be treated as late applications and their application will not be processed until after places are announced in March 2021. School can help anybody that is struggling to complete their application form, please call in if you need help.

Parents Evening/Report Card. As we cannot meet face to face, we have devised a “Report Card” for every child. Many thanks to the teachers for compiling them and whilst not perfect I hope you find them useful. I hope that in 2021 we will all be able to meet together again as normal.

Virtual Learning. Mrs Logue has written to everyone about accessing individual year group work via the respective Twitter feeds. If anyone still cannot get to it please call school and the office can help you.

Dinner Money. A reminder, please don't build up excessive debts when paying for school dinners. If anyone needs to talk about this issue then please call me at school.

Darker evenings. The clocks go back at the weekend and the evenings will start to draw in. Please can I ask that if your child is walking home you impress upon them the need to go straight home rather than the shops or the park. The park at the rear of school is good that it provides us with extra space to dismiss the children but it is also a public space and as such, anyone can use it at any time of the day. The best thing to do is to walk straight home either at home time or after a club.

Please Pray For. All those about to make and have made their First Holy Communion.

Finally, we have reached half term, only one-year group has been interrupted and school has remained open. These are indeed uncertain times and what the future holds remains uncertain. However, to everyone in the school family I want to write and thank you for your hard work, your understanding and your patience.

I look forward to welcoming everyone back next week and enjoy half term.

Many thanks for your support and cooperation with all these matters.

M Aldred. Head teacher.



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