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Dear Parents,

Re: School Newsletter

As we come towards the end of a busy half term I wanted to thank you for the fantastic response we had to the questionnaires and urge you to send it back before the half term if you have not yet managed. There have been some lovely comments, which are always appreciated, and suggestions which we certainly consider. We will compile the results and put them on the website in the next half term and refer to them in the first Parents' Forum.

Thank you to those who have attended Mass, assemblies or one of the other school functions this half term. Myself and Mrs Forshaw really enjoyed chatting to those who made it to the coffee and cake afternoon. There are many other events scheduled including an open afternoon on Wednesday 19th October at 2:00pm. Our Chaplains will meet any parents at the door and give you a tour of the school. There will be refreshments in the hall following this or you may wish to join a lesson yourself! If you are intending to come and join us that afternoon please try and let your class teacher know so we can be well organised.

We are trying to be as environmentally friendly as possible, (knowing lots of the letters end up at the bottom of bags) and only send letters when absolutely necessary. Lots of our parents now follow our twitter feed which regularly posts information and we have worked very hard to put as many dates for the year on the school calendar to help you juggle your work commitments with attending school events. Please may I urge you to check our school website regularly for details of any further events including the upcoming: Remembrance Day Service, class assemblies, Pray, Stay and Play and Parents' Evening.

As many of you may be aware, Maureen Denton sadly passed away recently. Many of our pupils have been led through their sacramental programme by Maureen and the school sends our prayers and thoughts to her family. Maureen's funeral is at Holy Cross Church on Monday 17th October at 12:30am. If you wish to take your child, please let the school office know on Monday morning.

On Tuesday 1st November we will be celebrating All Saints Mass at Holy Cross Church. Please bring your child to be registered as normal. We will all walk to church at 9:30am and encourage any parents who might be available to walk with us. After you have dropped your child into registration you are welcome to take a cup of tea in the school hall whilst you wait to set off to church.



I wanted to share with you GMP's statement from Monday October 9th:

This weekend, Friday 7th to Sunday 9th October 2016, GMP received a number of reports about people dressed as clowns, causing fear and making threats. Assistant Chief Constable Catherine Hankinson, said: "We are aware of this menacing craze, which originated in the USA, and will take action against those who are causing this fear." "There has been a lot of speculation on social media and I'm urging people to refrain from fuelling this craze and creating more distress." "The safety of people is our utmost priority; we want people to feel safe going about their daily lives." "The individuals who are getting involved in this may not realise just how frightening it is to be on the receiving end, especially for children. It shows a complete disregard for people's wellbeing and will not be tolerated in Greater Manchester." "It's important to stress that no-one has been physically harmed and I want to reassure people that we take reports of this nature extremely seriously." "If you witness an incident, or want to make a report, please contact police as soon as possible." "To report an incident, people should contact 101 or the independent charity Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111. In an emergency, ring 999.

Please can I remind you that Monday 31st October is an Inset day and school will be closed.

Finally I wish you and your family a relaxed, fun-filled half term break and I look forward to seeing you all in November.

Yours sincerely,

Miss J. Tumelty
Head of School

