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Dear Parent,

School Mass – New Year / New Term

Please join us as we begin a New Year at our whole school Mass on Friday 11th January. We ask God to bless us and each day of the year ahead. All welcome.

Advent Charities 2018

Thank you so very much for the support you gave to our chosen charities.

In total, so far, you have donated £1400. This is a staggering amount and we are overwhelmed by your generous giving. Thank you! We shall send cheques to both charities this week. May you be blessed with equal amounts of heavenly generosity.

New Year Resolutions...

*Kindness in words creates confidence.
Kindness in thinking creates profoundness.
Kindness in giving creates love. "*

Lao Tzu

Spring Term INSET Days:

Our final two INSET days are now booked for 18th & 19th March 2019 – this means that the school will be closed to the children on these two days.

Children's Retreat – 11th February 2019

We have booked a 'retreat' for all of our pupils in the week commencing 11th February. The providers, 'Sion Community', are well equipped and experienced in working with primary school children and will support the children in developing their faith through prayer, fun and fact based activities. There will be 7 adults, who form the team, who will work across the school. Part of this experience is also to invite parents to meet and discuss. To this end, there will be coffee and a chat offered each morning. More details to follow when the programme is finalised.

Although we are funding this experience for the children, I have been asked to find out if anyone from our school community would be willing to host any of the team members during the week. This is to provide a bedroom and a couple of evening meals (some evenings they meet as a team and eat out locally). Therefore, if you have the room and you are willing, I would welcome your responses by the end of next week – Friday 18th January. Thank you in advance.

After School Clubs

Chess	begins this week	Wednesday (9 th), Thursday (10 th)
Netball	begins next week	Thursday (17 th)
Choir	begins	Monday 21 st January
Football	begins	Monday 21 st January

Library Books

We are losing a significant number of school library books that are sent home and not returned to school. Clearly we cannot condone this or be expected to support the costs of missing books. Letters will be sent home to those children where our records show that the books (which are electronically scanned/recorded) have not been returned. We will need to be reimbursed for this very precious school property.

Thank you to the vast majority of our parents and children who look after school books and ensure that these are returned once read for other children to borrow and enjoy.

Dinner Money

The cost for this half term is £69.00 - please pay via the School Gateway.

Birthday Treats / Heathy habits!

For many years, we have not allowed children celebrating birthdays to bring in sweets and treats to share on their birthday and, instead, we adopted the policy that the birthday children could wear their own clothes on their special day. This way their birthday is acknowledged by the whole school community. The children enjoy their 'special status' on their special day.

Any children bringing in sweets will not be allowed to distribute them to the children in school. Thank you for supporting our school policy and our efforts to keep healthy within school.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher