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Dear Parent

Leavers' / End of Year Mass

Please join us on Friday as we celebrate the end of our school year with the celebration of the Mass. We say goodbye to all those who are leaving our school family and ask God to be gracious to them and to bless them. Mass will be held in the church and begins at 9:30am. All welcome.

HONK

A big thank you to Miss Clarke and to all children and staff who worked so hard to produce an excellent performance. Well done!



Congratulations: to Miss Clarke who is to be married during August. She will return to school and be known as Mrs Davis. We wish her and her future husband all our love and best wishes for a long and happy married life.

We say goodbye ...

“
 I cannot say
 GOODBYE
 to those whom
 I have grown
 to LOVE,
 for the memories
 we have made
 will last a
 LIFETIME,
 and will never
 know a GOODBYE.”

... to our Y6 children, the majority of whom have been with us for seven years; to a number of other children who will be leaving for pastures new; to the families who will complete this cycle of their lives – these include:

Family name only: Bull, Church, Clark, Demitry, Dzedziak, Gobina, Kennedy, Kinsella, Malonzo, Ponsonby, Rowley, Talavera, Tanner, Walters, Zielinski from Y6 and Melville, Lewis, Schmidt and Piya. May you all be blessed because of being here, however long or short.

Sadly we say goodbye to Miss Cooke who has moved to Warwickshire and will take up a new teaching position nearer her home in September. I particularly want to thank her for her huge commitment to our school and the children she teaches, she has continued on to the end of the school year at great personal cost in terms of time and petrol! This is, however, extremely typical of Miss Cooke who has worked so hard over her time here to always provide the children with great education and great nurturing. Miss Cooke is an excellent young teacher and her future in this profession is very bright indeed. We send her off with our love, admiration and many thanks. God bless you in all that you do.

Chess Triumph!

After winning the Worcestershire Schools County Chess Championships, Alex and Ralphie Howett went on to play for the school and Worcestershire in the Northern Counties, Scottish and Welsh finals held in Manchester at the weekend. Both boys performed extremely well, coming home with medals for winning four out of six games. In the overall rankings, Alex finished ninth out of 54 and Ralphie finished 6th out of 38. Very well done to both boys!

Lost/unclaimed Property!

From this evening onwards we shall leave out the items of unclaimed clothing for you to take. Please, if an item will fit your child please feel free to take home, wash and name it with your child's name. Anything that is left here on Friday evening will be discarded.

End of Term Take Home:

Everything that your child owns should be taken home by Friday – PE kit, swimming/towels, shoes, coats, bags, water bottles etc., etc. Anything left at the end of Friday will be placed with the rubbish. We simply cannot hold items indefinitely due to space and hygiene reasons.

SCHOOL BOOKS:

If your child has any school books at home **please return** BEFORE Friday. This includes reading books, library books, maths books etc. Our stock is diminishing! These items belong in school and the items listed above belong at home!

We return to school on Tuesday 5th September 2017

Lateness ...

We are hoping that this will be a thing of the past from September 2017! There have been media reports about some Local Authorities (including Birmingham) fining persistent lateness...

From 5th September parents will need to sign their child into school using the new electronic entrance service. This means that children cannot be left at the top of the drive and expected to walk into school unaccompanied. Staff members will not be signing children in as it is not their responsibility for the lateness.

The school gate closes at 8:43. Parents arriving with their child after gate has closed must log this on the electronic system in the school foyer.

Our Y6 Charity Entrepreneur

On Thursday, after school, Paddy Walters (Y6) will be holding a stall selling sweets, drinks and taking orders for pre-designed/personalised cotton shopping bags. The bags will be available for £2.99. The stall is part of a Y7 project he has been set, by his Secondary School, to raise funds for charity. Paddy, has been proactive in using this time before leaving St Mary's to appeal to his peers and all who know him so well. Let's make this a huge success for Paddy as he starts his new school life in September. Please support him. Thank you.

May I, on behalf of all staff, wish you all an extremely enjoyable and safe holiday time. May your homes be filled with love, peace and family togetherness.

I give our dedicated and diligent staff team my huge thanks and gratitude for what they each do to make this such a great school. May your holiday time refresh you and assist you in returning with zeal for another year.

My thanks to our Governors who give up their time to support the running of the school so willingly. We bid 'adieu' to Mrs Angie Miller who has greatly served the governing body for more than ten years - first as a parent elected representative and then as a foundation governor .

Please make time to go to Mass over the holiday period. May God bless us all with his love and protection, his grace and peace.

Yours sincerely,



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Headteacher