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Dear Parent,

The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family.

Y2F Class assembly

Please join Miss Nicholson's class as they lead our collective worship this coming Friday morning – 8th February. All welcome to share in this lovely occasion. The assembly begins at 9:15am – please be on time to avoid upsetting the children once they have begun. Thank you.

School Mission week 11th – 15th February

As you are aware, we have a mission team of seven trained adults coming into school to work with all the children throughout the week 11th -15th February.

The week will culminate with a **school mass on Friday 15th at 2pm** in the church to which you are all warmly invited. It is a wonderful opportunity to bear witness to our faith as a whole community of children, parents, other relatives and friends with the school staff and mission team.

As part of the week, **coffee/tea** will be available for parents each morning between 8.30 – 8.50. Please skip the High Street's cafes and share a drink with the mission team who will be pleased to meet you.

Health & Fitness Week

My thanks to Mr Davis for the arrangement of this week and all visitors and events that the children are enjoying. Keep being active. If you can come into the school hall from 2:00 to 3:05, you will see a display of the children's activities this week.

We intend to begin having a **'Meat Free Monday'** ethos following on from our talks with Dr Hamnett yesterday – this has really inspired us all to make protecting our world for future generations something we want to invest in. Please support us.

Congratulations:

Many congratulations to Mr & Mrs Davis on the birth of their daughter, Grace Mary, who was born on 2nd February. May they be blessed as a family and enjoy years of great experiences together. God bless them abundantly.

PTA notices: February 2019 Update

Please see our website to view the PTA Update – it is full of really useful information and links. Find it under Our School/Community/PTA.

Large school bags?

We have very limited space in our infant cloakrooms (Y1, Y2) for the very large bags that the children are bringing into school. Due to the lack of space, bags and coats often end up on the floor as the large bags compete for the narrow space available for each child.

May we ask that these large bags be left at home and the children's book bags be used for books and the pieces of paper they are given? The children can carry in their water bottle (please label) and bring this into the classroom with them. Thank you for your cooperation in this.



Internet Safety Day – today 5th February

Mr Clinton has led year group assemblies on e-safety and focussed on the children's online behaviours to be safe; finding that many of the children are accessing games with age restrictions beyond their years – and some joining with internet friends to do so.

He also met today with a small number of parents who were interested to hear of the School's advice on internet safety.

What is clear is that the internet activity of your children needs to be very closely monitored and controlled. The children are learning today how to access unregulated material, often through curiosity and sometimes because of peer pressure from those they know and those they do not know in the real world. Such unmonitored/ unsupervised access can lead to the tragic circumstances that were highlighted in the press recently. The Health Secretary, Matt Hancock, spoke about the banning of phones in secondary schools because of the inherent dangers.

We need to be mindful that the good/bad habits the children develop in primary school will grow into the internet behaviours of Year 7 and upwards. Please help your child to establish good habits with very clear boundaries now.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'H M Cusack'.

H M Cusack
Headteacher