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Dear Parent

**Y3 School Mass – Holy Communion Celebration**

On Friday we celebrate, as a school, with our children who received their First Holy Communion over the past two weekends. On Sunday: Reese, Michael, Thomas, Gene, Sureaya, Noa, Nadia, Manuel, Omolara, James, William, Harry D, Cara, Indra, Joshua, Regan, Kaitlyn, Lily-Marie, Reuben, Lawrence, Samuel, Caitlin, Maria, Daniel, Elizabeth and Harry T received the Eucharist and had a beautiful day. May they continue to appreciate, revere and live this sacred moment throughout their lives and may they receive the Eucharist frequently – their ‘bread for the journey’ of life.

**Confirmation – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

Our Y6 children will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday at 7:30pm – please pray for them as they make this commitment to their faith.



**May Procession – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 2:30pm**

We honour Our Blessed Mother during this her month of May. Please join us – it is always such a beautiful celebration of our love for Mary and reminds us of her love for us.

Thank you for the generosity with which so many of you adorned our May altar with flowers this year. I want to thank one of our Y3 children who donated her Holy Communion money to buy Our Lady’s crown for the procession.

I am also grateful to Mr Clinton who has organised the May procession this year.

**Farewell Miss Cooke...**

Our Y3 teacher, Miss Cooke, will be leaving us at the end of this school year. Miss Cooke has relocated to Warwickshire to make a new home there. Although she has actually already moved, such is her professionalism that she has been determined to complete the school year with us and her class. Miss Cooke is an exceptional young teacher and she will be a huge loss to our school but another school and their children will benefit from her in September. We wish her all the very best in the future and we are delighted to have her as part of our team for the rest of this term.

**Attendance this half term:**

Class	% Attendance
YC	97.4
YSW	98.3
Y1D	94.9
Y1SM	94.8
2D	97.1
2P	97.7
3N	96.4
3C	96.7
4J	94.9
4R	97.6
5C	98.6
5H	97.6
6C	97.1
average	96.9

**Thought for this week:**

The evidence shows that religious people - defined by regular attendance at a place of worship - actually do make better neighbours!

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

**Earrings in School**

I have spoken to a few girls recently about wearing hoops or earrings that dangle. **Our school policy is stud earrings only.** This is to protect the children and is part of health and safety guidance to schools. The children

will be asked to remove earrings that do not conform to school policy. We also ask the girls to tie long hair back or braid it – this prevents transfer of head lice, something that afflicts all primary schools from time to time but we can and should take all reasonable measures to prevent such outbreaks.

### **Football for Father Hudson's**

Great thanks and well done to the Y5 and 6 children who took part in this fund raising activity on 12<sup>th</sup> May. £75 was raised for this worthy charity through the initiative of the children and particularly Paddy Walters who coordinated the whole event. Cakes were made and sold, goals were scored and the rain did not dampen their spirits one jot!

### **School Uniform**

The number of 'lost', unclaimed jumpers and cardigans rises as the weather improves and our lost property bin in the outer foyer fills up to overflowing. Please **LABEL** each jumper/cardigan with your child's name to enable the lost item to be found and returned. Lost property will be put outside this Friday for parents to help themselves to unlabelled items and those items remaining will go to charity recycling.

### **New/ used trainers/ shoes/ sandals**

Mr Sheehan, our Learning Support Assistant in Y4, is collecting new and used trainers, shoes and sandals for street children in Uganda. If you have any spare pairs over the next few weeks (a half term sort out may yield a few items?), please put them in the green recycling box in the outer foyer. Thank you.

### **Water bottles**

Children without bottles at lunch time are thirsty but cannot come back into school unsupervised. Adults leaving the playground to go into classrooms to supervise such children cannot monitor the rest of the children outside. Therefore - your child must have a labelled water bottle in school each day this term. **Please label it** as many bottles (like school jumpers and cardigans) are lost if not labelled because they look so similar. Let's help the children stay hydrated and safe! Thank you.

### **Dates for your diary**

We have booked these dates for trips as follows:

Y3&4: The Space Centre – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July

Y5&6: The Snowdome - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July

Y1&2: 'Conkers' - Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July

KS2 Performances – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July; Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July – more details will follow soon.

### **Dinner Money**

Dinner money for next half term is £72.00 – cheques payable to 'Birmingham City Council'. Thank you.

### **E –safety tip of the week**

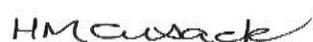
**Don't meet people that you have only spoken to online.**

**Always tell a trusted adult if someone suggests meeting up.**

### **Half Term – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 3:30pm**

We break up for mid-term on Friday. If you are going away – enjoy; if not – enjoy! Keep safe and well. We return to school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 8:45am. My thanks, as always, to you for your continued support and to the staff for their continued hard work.

Yours sincerely



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