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Dear Parents/Carers,

It was so lovely to see the children return again on Monday! There is a buzz around the school with the children eager to be active members of our school community, living out our vision.

This week's Gospel is the parable of the Dishonest Steward. This can be a tricky one to work through as there are twists and turns in the story. We have given the children the simple message of being honest and as year 6 told us in their liturgy we need to be responsible and value people before possessions.

Thank you Year 6 for a spiritual liturgy.

**The Wednesday Word** can help you share the gospel's understanding with your children. Please check that your child received their copy this week



**Year of Mercy** This week Ben from Year 3 chose our focus: *Share what's happening in your life with a person older than you.* I encouraged the children to chat with people they know and trust about their life so that they can share time together.

**British Values** we elected our school council showing that we have a democracy in school.

**Alterations to the Liturgies and Mass Dates** we have had to alter some of the times sent out last week

**Year 3** will be going to Mass with **Year 2** on the **23<sup>rd</sup> September**  
**Year 5** will be going to Mass with **Nursery** on the **18<sup>th</sup> November**

This is so that Year 5 and Nursery can begin to get to know each other as they will ultimately become 'buddies' when nursery move into Reception next year.

Also there is a clash between the Y4s liturgy on the 9<sup>th</sup> December and the Pantomime morning, I'm sure that the children would not want the panto cancelled so I have moved the **Y4 liturgy to Wed 7<sup>th</sup> December.**

If you need a full list of dates again please ask.

**Parent Information Sessions** We would like to invite you all into school to find out the expectations are for each year group during the **week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> September**. This is an opportunity to learn a little more about what happens in school and how you can help your child throughout the year. Individual parent consultation times are planned for later in the term, when you will discuss your child's progress with their teacher. Should you be unable

Class	9am	5.30pm
Nursery	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> September 9am & 2.45pm	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> September
Reception	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September
Year 1	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> September
Year 2	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> September
Year 3	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September
Year 4	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> September
Year 5	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> September
Year 6	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September

to attend the information sessions please contact your child's class teacher and they will be able to pass on the information provided.

**Catholic Partnership Showcase** Years 2 & 3 will be showing off their 'Glastonbede' performances to the whole of the Northumberland Catholic Partnership at Whitley Bay Playhouse on the evening of 18<sup>th</sup> October. This extravaganza usually happens in the summer term but was postponed this year. More information will follow as we receive it.

**Lunches** The children have settled back in to the routine of lunches well and Reception class have become confident very quickly within the dinner hall. Should you have any comments in the way of praise or concerns please do contact school about this. We pass all comments onto Dolce who provide us with the meals service. They encourage feedback, they can only improve if they know that there is a problem.



**Parking Enforcement** We have been contacted about the new parking enforcement car that Northumberland County Council have. Please ensure that you park lawfully as we would not like any child to be injured or for anyone to receive an unwanted parking fine.

**Lost Property** There is quite an amount of lost property in the school entrance, if you think they may belong to your child please come and look.

**Attendance** Last week's attendance was 97.3%, well done everyone, let's keep up the good attendance.

**Safe Internet Use** We always make the children aware of safe use of the Internet and how to stay safe. By law our children should not be using social networking sites, this is in place to protect them. We, as adults, also need to bear in mind that anything posted on the Internet is there for the whole world to see we need to take care what we post and write.

As ever should you need to discuss any issues with please contact me.

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Acting Headteacher

