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Dear Families,

Hello Yellow Day

A big thank you to you all for supporting *Hello Yellow Day* on Friday. Mental Health and Wellbeing is a key part of our curriculum in school and I was very impressed, talking to all of our children on Friday, with their knowledge of mindfulness and wellbeing. Mrs McDine has made a contribution to the Young Minds charity on behalf of the whole school community and a cheque has been sent off from school to support the invaluable work of this charity.

Parent/Carer Feedback

Thank you to everyone who completed the Safeguarding Audit. We have had an overwhelming response. All responses have been thoroughly analysed. From your responses, we have been able to organise nurture, support and Bereavement counselling programmes for identified children and our Parent Support Advisor, Linda Lashley, is also working with a number of families and children.

You will also, by now, have received a letter outlining the date of your telephone consultation with your child's class teacher. Your child will bring home their appointment time tonight. This will be a ten-minute conversation with your child's class teacher and will provide an opportunity to discuss how your child has settled back into school after Lockdown.

Hot School Dinners

I am delighted that St. John Vianney school is in the first group of schools in the City to be able to offer hot meals to our children. Due to the restrictions of using the school hall for all of our children - only one bubble can eat their dinner in the Hall at one time and the Hall has to be thoroughly cleaned before the next bubble can enter - the school Cook has been advised that KS2 children across the city will be provided with their meal in a special food box and these will be eaten by KS2 children in their classrooms. Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will eat their dinner in the school Hall. If you wish your child to have a hot meal at dinner time and you did not receive the letter on Friday, please contact Mrs McDine in the school office.

Payments for School Dinners

Can I please ask that the correct dinner money or a cheque is sent into school in an envelope clearly labelled with your child's name on **MONDAY**. All money will now be banked on a Monday and dinner money must therefore be sent in every Monday as normal.

We are currently in the process of issuing new passwords to all of our pupils through Newcastle Civic Centre. As soon as these are ready, we will send them out as we would encourage online payment, if possible, in the current climate.

Prices of school dinners have been increased by Newcastle City Council for this academic year. Nursery meals will now cost £2.10 per day and Years 3, 4, 5, 6

meals will cost £2.20 per day. Universal grant will cover Rec, Y1 and Y2 so there will be no cost.

St. Cuthbert's Catholic High School

Due to current pandemic, St. Cuthbert's High School Open Evening is not able to take place this year. The High School is inviting all boys from the Catholic feeder schools to watch a video in lieu of Open Evening. The video can be found at: <https://youtube/Z7ZqAO6NZiw>.

Can I please also remind all parents and carers of children in Year 6 that the deadline for completing the transfer form for middle, secondary and high schools is **31st October 2020**.

Car Park

Can I please ask again for your co-operation in walking **on the path** at pick-up times and **not walking in between staff cars** in order to reach the school gate. Despite having cones blocking some areas, some of our parents/carers are still trying to cut through staff parked cars causing potential damage to staff cars. Your support and co-operation in this is very much appreciated.

Children In Need Day - 13th November

We will be celebrating, as always, Children In Need Day on Friday 13th November. Children are invited to come into school wearing their own clothes and/or Pudsey clothes and accessories. We will not be collecting any monies on the day in light of the current situation, but you are more than welcome to make a donation online at <https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk>. Thank you in advance for your support.

First Holy Communion for Year 5 children

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and Lockdown earlier this year, our Year 5 children were unable to make their First Holy Communion in May as we had planned last September. Due to the current Government and Diocesan guidance, children are now only able to make their First Holy Communion within the celebration of a Sunday Mass. This weekend, five of our Year 5 children will be making their First Holy Communion at St. John Vianney church with Father Martin at 11am Mass on Sunday. On behalf of the whole school community, we send all of our prayers and good wishes to Harrison, Jakub, Alexander, Niamh and Juliette as they make this important sacrament - we know it will be a very special day for them all.

Thank you, once again, for your patience, understanding and co-operation in these challenging times.

With my very best wishes,

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