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Dear Parents and Carers,

### Harvest

We had a wonderful turnout for this afternoon's Harvest Assembly and we collected an impressive amount of food and toiletries for the St Albans Women's Refuge. They appreciate receiving our gifts, not just because they need these items, but because they know that others are thinking of them. God Bless you for your generosity.

### Thank you Reception parents!

I was overwhelmed by the response to this afternoon's meeting. Thank you to those who returned a paper slip or came and asked questions or offered suggestions. It will help us to refine and improve that way we communicate with you. I will type up notes and share these with you, something we do after meetings so that anyone unable to attend still gets the opportunity to participate. We will send out a whole school questionnaire after half-term.

### Consultations

Next week you have the opportunity to meet with teachers for a 10-minute appointment to discuss your child's first half-term in school. All meetings are held in the main school; Wednesday evening (for adults only please) in the school hall with daytime appointments in the library or learning rooms.

### Reading and phonics workshop – 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017

We run parent workshops on how we teach core subjects, changes in curriculum, E-safety, etc. throughout the school year. We rotate these to ensure we cover essential information and give everyone an opportunity to attend. We are holding a reading and phonics workshop in the school hall on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30 pm. Teachers will explain how we teach from Nursery to Year 2 and share ideas and strategies that you may find useful when supporting your child at home. All parents are welcome so please put the date in your diary.

### Nursery Assemblies

Nursery families, do remember the Nursery Welcome assemblies next week – Morning Nursery and Flex 1 on Wednesday at 9.00am, Afternoon Nursery and Flex 2 on Friday at 2.45 pm. Both assemblies will be held in the Nursery classroom.

### You Could Be Santa!

Every year our Parish operates a 'secret Santa' scheme. Parishioners receive a wish for a Christmas gift from a child in the parish and purchase it anonymously. The scheme is managed by Sister Anita. Many of our families do an amazing job of stretching their budgets but Christmas can be a financially challenging time. If you would like to benefit from scheme, please speak to me or Sister Anita in confidence.

Have a wonderful weekend

Kind regards



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