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3rd November 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all enjoyed the half-term break. Thank you for your excellent attendance at parent consultations and school events like the Nursery assemblies last half-term.

Mass

Father TJ was very impressed by how beautifully the children participated in the Welcome & Thanksgiving Mass on Friday 20th October. Led by Miss Cannon, the children gave thanks and asked for God's blessing on the coming school year. We join the Junior school and St John Fisher school twice a year for a special Mass at the church. The next Mass is at 9:30 on Sunday 10th December. Children wear school uniform and we'd love to see you all there.

Reading and phonics workshop – 8th November 2017

Don't forget our reading and phonics workshop in the school hall on Wednesday 8th November at 7:30 pm. Teachers will explain how we teach and introduce challenge, as well as share ideas and strategies that you may find useful when supporting your child at home. Please put the date in your diary. Suitable for all parents from Nursery to Year 2.

Junior Building work and Parking

Building work commenced on Monday and will last until mid-December. There may be occasional disruption and pressure for parking spaces. I received several complaints about poor parking by school parents last half-term. Traffic patrols will be increased and parking enforcement officers will be handing out tickets. School is unable to support appeals against parking tickets.

Holy Souls in November

We have special red prayer sheets in each class and the entrance hall where we encourage you and your children to write the names of those in your family who have died and gone to heaven. We will pray for all of them throughout November.

Poppy Appeal

Poppies will be on sale from Monday. Year 2 children will visit classes during registration each morning so if your child would like to buy one, please put some money into the small pocket in their book bag or a named envelope. This year we also have a stock of bag reflectors, wristbands and bracelets with suggested donations between 50p and £1. These will be on sale **each morning** in the main reception from 8:50 – 9:00 only.

Individual Photographs

Proofs will be sent home in book bags today. Please return order envelopes to school by Tuesday 14th November. It is possible to order online and have photos posted directly to your home at additional cost. Please be aware that online orders sent to school may have your personal information, such as addresses and phone numbers, included with prints. I'd be interested in your feedback on the quality and cost of photographs from this new company.



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Children in Need

Everyone has started preparing for this year's Children in Need assembly on Friday 17th November. Don't forget our ramble, led by Miss Ketley on Sunday 12th November. Meet at Gorhambury gates at 1:00, dogs on leads welcome too.

PTA Lottery

October Winners 1st – 43 Pointer family; 2nd – 185 Collins family; 3rd – 30 Pointer family. Congratulations!

Have a great weekend.

Kind regards



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