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Dear Parents & Carers,

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The Year Two assembly on castles today was informative and entertaining, demonstrating how much the children have learnt. The younger children were mesmerized by knights and rats, builders and cooks, and all the adults were very proud. Year One really shone during the Foundation Stage Sports Days on Wednesday. Nursery and Reception had lots of fun running, catching fish, scooting and throwing balls through hoops. A large group of Year One pupils were team leaders and kept score. They took their responsibilities very seriously and enjoyed themselves. We have other opportunities planned for the rest of Year 1 to help support their younger peers.

Thank you Year Two

I was overwhelmed in assembly this morning when Year Two gave me a real Blue Peter badge (for over 15's). It's absolutely fantastic and meant I got no work done today because I was showing it to everyone. Thank you so much for all your efforts on my behalf and for your kind words. Parents also presented the school with a beautiful 'Buddy' bench for the Buddy stop in the main playground and everyone enjoyed testing it out today. It's wonderful that we will have something in school to remind us of all the current Year 2. Thank you for your generosity.

Transition

Today made us appreciate how much Year Two have grown and that they're ready for the next stage in their school journey. We have transition activities planned for all the pupils during the remainder of this term. Mr. Soyka is visiting the Year Two pupils on Monday and there will be a presentation about the Junior school for Year Two parents on Thursday 13th July. Please join Mr. Soyka and the staff for tea and coffee in the Junior canteen from 9:00am, after you've dropped your children at the Infants. We will hold information meetings about class routines for the new Year 1 and Year 2 in the first week back in September.

Expressive Arts Week

Our theme this year is Space. Reception children will be building rockets so would appreciate any junk modelling materials, especially long cardboard tubes (kitchen or cling film rolls or Pringle tubes) on Monday.

Thank you to those parents and children who joined Mrs Murphy and myself on a walk from Morrison's yesterday to mark Clean Air Day. It was a lovely way to start the day.

If any Year Two parents are interested in being a 'Table Leader' for First Holy Communion 2018, please attend a meeting with Sister Anita on Monday 26 June – 7.30-8.30 pm in the Parish Centre.

Dates for next week

Tuesday 20th June – KS1 Sports Day (weather permitting). Children may go home after the picnic lunch.

Wednesday 21st June – NO BADGERS due to staff safeguarding training.

Thursday 22nd June – St Alban Day. Wear blue and yellow and donate £1 towards the new museum in St Albans

Friday 23rd June – Reception assembly at 9:10. Reception children should wear summer clothes to school. There will be coffee and cakes in the library after assembly to plan for the Autumn Fair. Please join us.



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Kensington Fire

We have all been horrified by events in North Kensington and everyone is keen to do something tangible to help. Our colleagues at St Francis of Assisi primary school next to Grenfell Tower have been evacuated into temporary accommodation for the foreseeable future. They have appealed for books, pencils, paper and resources and we will send what they need. Several local schools have pupils, parents and staff directly affected by the tragedy and the Cardinal has asked us to remember in our prayers all those who are suffering and all those working to support them. He will say Mass at the Church of St Pius X, St Charles Square this Saturday, 17th June at 12 noon.

Caritas Westminster and Catholic Children's Society are working in the whole community providing assistance to families and individuals. Their work will be vital in weeks and months to come, dealing with the emotional and psychological impact of recent events. Once we have details of the emergency relief fund which is being set up, I will pass these on and we will organise some fundraising to send a school donation.

Premises news

After three years of submission, our application for special capital funding (LCVAP) from the Department of Education has successfully passed the first stage. We had hoped to replace the Nursery roof but the drains close to the main entrance have become a greater priority. With careful financial management, we aim to repair and recover the Nursery roof and also carry out replacement and repairs to the drains. Governors are required to contribute at least 10% of the cost of capital works so we will be sending out more information about the schedule of works and fundraising over coming weeks. It's very exciting news!

PTA News

The Ball by the Lake - Saturday September 16th. There is now only one table left for this event. It can be taken by a group or up to ten individuals. Tickets cost £55. If you would like to purchase one or more, please email ssaspta@gmail.com. Guests from outside the school community are very welcome.

Raffles - we intend to hold raffles at both the ball and the Autumn Fair on Saturday September 23rd and so need plenty of prizes. If you have anything you can donate - unused by unwanted presents etc. - please bring in to the school office clearly marked. Small items can be grouped together to form really attractive prizes.

Popcorn Night - Friday June 23rd after school. Cost £3 to cover popcorn and a drink. The film showing is 'Trolls'.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards



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