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Dear Parents,

May I, on behalf of the staff and governors, wish you all a happy and prosperous new year. I feel very confident that, even in these very challenging times in schools, we can all continue to work together to ensure that our school remains the best that it can be.

Christmas Productions

Thank you all once again for your support with the Christmas productions. I am sure you will agree that the standard of performance was excellent. I would like to say a very big thank you to three very special groups of people. Firstly, to our wonderfully talented children who, once again, excelled themselves on the stage. Secondly to you, the parents, for producing such brilliant children and lastly, to our school staff who, despite the pressures on them, produced such high quality performances.

I am delighted to announce that the collections at the performances, added to the proceeds of the children's Christmas market, raised nearly £800.00. We have sent off two cheques, each for £400.00 to Katherine House Hospice and Cancer Care UK as these were the two charities chosen by the School Council.

Confirmation

Our Year 6 children will be confirmed by the Right Reverend Bishop William Kenney on Thursday 9th February 2017 at 7.00 p.m. in St. John's Church. I would like to remind parents that the rehearsal for the service will take place after the 10.45 a.m. mass on Sunday 5th February. It is imperative that all of the confirmandi are represented at the rehearsal.

First Holy Communion

The after school sessions have now started (3.30 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.) every Thursday up until May. The session during the week of Parents' Evening will move from the Thursday to the Wednesday to accommodate Parents' Evening. The enrolment Mass will take place this Sunday 15th January at 10.45 a.m.

Coming to school on time

I would respectfully request that all children arrive at school on time as detailed below.

Children should not be left in school until 8.40 a.m. Parents arriving before this time should wait with their child until a member of staff has arrived on the big playground. The bell will ring at 8.55 a.m. and all children should be in by then. I understand that there will be times when things can go wrong, making you late, but I have noticed that a steady stream of children routinely arrive between 9.00 a.m. and 9.10 a.m. This not only has a detrimental affect on the late child but can be very disruptive for the rest of the class.

Holiday dates for the next academic year

Please find attached the holiday dates for the 2017 / 2018 academic year for your information.

Dates for the Diary

Sunday 15th January First Communion Enrolment Mass 10.45 at the Church
Tuesday 24th January Year 6 Junior Citizen trip – more info. to follow
Sunday 5th February Confirmation rehearsal –after 10.45 mass
Wednesday 8th February Safer internet day – more info. to follow
Thursday 9th February Confirmation service 7.00 p.m. at the Church
Friday 10th February Break up for half term 3.20 p.m.
Monday 20th February Return to school
Monday 20th February Year 6 IMPS trip
Friday 24th February Year 6 IMPS trip
Monday 27th February First Communion Parents' meeting – 7.00 at the Church
Wednesday 1st March St. David's Day
Thursday 16th March Parents' Evening 4.00 p.m. to 7.45 p.m.
Tuesday 21st March First Confessions Year 3 at the school
Mon/Tues/29th 30th March Multi-Cultural days- more info. to follow
Monday 3rd April First Communion Parents' Meeting – 7.00 at the Church
Friday 7th April Break up for Easter

I will, of course, keep you up to date with any additional dates or alterations as appropriate.

Yours sincerely,

Mr K.G.O'Connor
Head Teacher