



Dear Parents

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### Thank You

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We have had a happy and hard working term in school. Classes are settled and pupils are trying their best in the curriculum. Well done. Thank you to parents for your support throughout the Advent 1 term.

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### Religious Education Update

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In school, we held our first mass of the year on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September. Fr. Eddy was the celebrant and we welcomed a full complement of parents. The children read and sang with real credit and it was a celebration setting us up for the academic year.

Our new Mini-Vinnies have been chosen from over 60 volunteers from throughout the school. They will meet once a week with Mrs Pallister and raise money and awareness for worthy causes.

We attended Mass at Holy Trinity Parish to celebrate Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi Academy Trust. All the school joined the Mass online. Mr Hughes and Miss Blood together with 2 Mini Vinni pupils, Jasper and Julia. We received a statue of Our Lady.

The next school masses will be All Saints on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 2pm followed by the Feast of St Hugh in the middle of November. This year's Joint Catholic advent service will be held at St Peter and St Paul's Church on 8th December.

We celebrated Harvest Festival on the last day of term. There were many parents and family in attendance. The children from throughout the school spoke really well in the Liturgy. Thank you

for all the donations of food, they will be distributed to SSPP food bank, Birchwood foodbank and Lincoln Mosque foodbank.

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### Infant Reception Class

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The Reception class shared their first 'official' assembly with parents and friends on the final Thursday of term. Many thanks to all the teachers who prepared the children and the parents who found the time to spend time with the children. The year group has settled in really well and are making good progress. Well done!

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### Music

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The school choir has been asked to sing at the Royal Albert Hall on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November. This is a special occasion and a number of parents will be attending too. Rehearsals are going very well. Coordinated by Mr Ballard.

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### Sport

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The football and netball teams have been training for their respective leagues. The football team were all set for a local tournament but it was called off due to bad weather. We look forward to rearranging this and playing next term.

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### Emotions assembly

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This term the children in Year 2 and KS2 took part in an assembly led by the The Mental Health Support Team. Pupils were encouraged to think about their emotions and were given ways to deal with their feelings. The Mental Health Support Team, who led the assembly, shared some activities that help when children feel anxious.

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## Author visit

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The children had a great afternoon this week listening to our visiting author, Luke Temple. We found out all about his new book, *Zombie Cows from Outer Space* and enjoyed some very funny poems.

Miss Webster was nominated to play "Beat the Zombie" and thankfully did the teachers proud...she won a signed copy of Luke's new book for her class!

Luke returned and the children will had the opportunity to buy signed copies of his books. Luke commented on what a great energy the afternoon had and how enthusiastic all our children were .

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## School Visits

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This term has included a number of trips. Construction day for Year 6 saw them learning about various trades and skills such as being a plasterer, electrician, financial advisor and builder. Year 6 went on a Rivers trip to Snipedales as part of their Geography curriculum studies.

Children in Year 5 had a very enjoyable day at the Lincolnshire Showground to celebrate Lincolnshire Day. The day was jam packed with fun activities, including pizza making , clay sculpting, weaving, flower arranging , bookmark making, yoga , mini beast hunting, and rocket flying!

The children (and adults!) had so much fun with all the different activities. The school even featured on Look North on their evening programme!

Year 3 and 4 visited Cresswell Craggs as part of their Geography curriculum.

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## Parents' Evenings

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Individual parent teacher evenings will take place early next term.

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## Parking

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I know that the majority of parents are safe and considerate when parking in the school premises however, we have had a number of complaints received in school. Can I please reiterate when

parking please do not leave your car on the pavement or obstructing a child's view. Also please use the 'drop off zone to drop off rather than park. This will enable a smoother flow of traffic. Thank you

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## New outdoor development

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Work to plan and install a newly designed play area is progressing with the completion date to fall inside this academic year. Watch this space!

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## PTFA

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The PTFA organised the end of term disco. They are planning events for the remainder of the academic year. Mrs Paterson and helpers will be supporting our chosen charities this year are Macmillan cancer research and CAFOD

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## Final Note

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I do hope you all have an enjoyable half term break. We all look forward to seeing the children for Term 2 on **Tuesday 1st November**.

Yours sincerely

*Gregory Hughes*

G Hughes - Headteacher

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## Future Dates

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<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	Return to school after half term. All Saints Mass – 2 pm School Hall
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Year 6 SATs evening
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Joint Catholic Schools Carol Service Our Lady of Lincoln Church 7.00pm
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Last day of Term 2. School closes at normal time for the Christmas break.
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	School reopens for the start of Term 3
<b>Mon 8<sup>h</sup> May – Fri 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	KS2 SATs week. It is important that Year 6 pupils are in school all week.

