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Dear Parent

## May is dedicated to Our Blessed Mother, Mary



Our celebration to honour Our Blessed Mother was a very beautiful service. Please see photo of our lovely image of Mary and the new plinth.

### Beginning of the School Day

The way the children are coming into school works very well and smoothly. We will continue this system until the end of the school year. We have a few children who arrive before 8.15 and staff are not out on duty to supervise until 8.30. This means that these children are unsupervised. If you need to drop your children early, they should be enrolled at Kidz.comm. We cannot allow unsupervised children on the premises before 8.30am. Thank you, as always, for your understanding and support.

### Children Walking to and from School

We received a phone call this morning from a concerned parent who had witnessed three of our Y6 girls running across a busy road without waiting for the pedestrian lights to change (even though they had pressed the button for this to happen). A car had to brake and honked its horn at the girls – it was essentially a near miss! Thank you to the parent who informed us of this. The girls and their parents have been informed – the parents asked us to pass on their thanks, too. **PLEASE** remind your children to follow the safety crossing code – we want all our children to stay safe.

### Y4 Timetables Test

Although there has been a deferment to the statutory testing for Y4 children for this year, we opted in for our children to participate. Therefore, all of our Y4 children will undertake the test before the end of June. Miss Hill and Miss Preedy will lead a Teams meeting for interested Y4 parents next week. A link will be sent to your email address.

### E-Safety

We are acutely aware of the need for children to keep safe when online – now more than ever. A number of children have their own phones/internet access which may not be as supervised as it could be. We have been alerted to a Y7 child who received a message from another child – a 'friend of a friend' who turned out to be an adult male and asking for very personal pictures – then threatening to "come and kill him" when the child refused. This is not uncommon – very sadly – and our children may be too trusting!

Therefore, we are reinstating our E-Safety Parent Workshops. Mr Natynczuk will lead these via Teams in the week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> June. The workshops will run across three evenings and will be Reception & KS1 parents; Y3 & Y4 parents; Y5 & Y6 parents. We strongly encourage you to tune in. Final dates and timings to be confirmed next week.

***"THE PEN THAT WRITES YOUR LIFE STORY MUST BE HELD IN YOUR OWN HAND"***



### Reading Recommendations

Teachers have chosen their favourite books from their class library to recommend to their class. Each week, we will upload an image of class book recommendations. Here are Miss Steven's top picks.

*Miss Stevens (Y2) chose Charlotte's Web because of its important message about friendship.*

Yours sincerely,

*HMCusack*

Headteacher