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Dear Parent

YRC Class Assembly – Friday 30th June 2017 at 9:15am

Please join Miss Cook's class, our youngest children, as they lead us in our school collective worship. All most welcome.

Mass for St Peter and St Paul

There is a school mass in the Church at 10:00 am this Thursday, 29th June to celebrate the feast of St Peter and St Paul; a Holyday of Obligation. If you are available, please come to mass with us to share in this special celebration!

Induction Day – 5th July

We are using the Y7 transition day as our induction day too. The majority of our Y6 will go to their new schools to prepare for Y7. We will meet and greet our new Reception class children. All classes will meet their new teacher for the first session of the morning. It is an exciting day all round.

We welcome some new staff in addition to our current staff team. Firstly, I am delighted to report that Miss Nicholson (Y3) and Mrs Nagle (Rec) who both began on temporary contracts have decided to stay with us. Our new staff includes Mrs Berry, Miss McBride and Miss McLeish all of whom are experienced teachers and are moving to us from local Birmingham schools in September. We also welcome Miss Adams who is an ex pupil and is beginning her teaching career with us. Finally, we welcome Mrs Noone who is training with us to become a teacher, i.e. she is a 'School Direct' placed trainee. Full details of classes etc. will be issued next week.

Party in Playground – PTA notice:



"Only three days until our Party in the Playground! If you haven't already purchased tickets, please secure yours from any of our Class Representatives and you can also pay at the door.

- **Please walk to the event if you are able. If you do need to drive, please be mindful of our neighbours and park considerately.**
- **Don't forget those finishing touches to your mad hat! We have 8 prizes up for grabs! Don't miss out!**
- **Thank you for your lovely sweet donations. We also look forward to the donation of cakes which you can bring in on Friday morning. Do label allergens in homemade cakes but nuts are best avoided as some of the children do have a variety of nut allergies.**
- **Ms Cusack has kindly granted Friday as a non-uniform day to thank you all for the kind donations of sweets and cakes received and to come.**
- **Please pray for a sunny afternoon and evening and let's make Friday... FUN Friday!"**

Thought for this week:

*I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it.
The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear.*

Nelson Mandela



First Aid in School

We have 10 fully trained First Aid staff in school. I know that you are aware that children bump, fall and sometimes hurt themselves. We are as vigilant as we possibly can be regarding any injuries sustained by the children. As we are not medical professionals, we will always err on the side of caution should we judge that a child needs more medical support than we are able to provide.

We will contact parents when necessary (for example – head bumps). *To this end please ensure that you keep your contact details up to date with the school office.*

To make it very clear to parents when their child has received first aid, I have ordered some special wristbands (which should hopefully arrive by the end of this week) which will be attached to your child's wrist should they sustain a head bump or receive first aid. These will be clearly labelled with "I had first aid today" or "I bumped my head today." These will be more durable than the stickers we use at present i.e. to highlight a bumped head, which can peel away or fall off.

e-safety tip of the week:

**Think of a password that is easy to remember for you but difficult for anyone else to guess!
It is good practice to have a mixture of numbers and letters, as well as lower case and capital letters.**

School Class Photos:

You will have received a class photo form today. The actual print is available to see at the front of the school before and after school this week. PLEASE place your order by FRIDAY 30th June if you wish to purchase one. Once the order has been sent off no extra photos will be available.

School Nurse Drop-In Service - tomorrow morning from 8:30 – 10:30am. No appointment needed.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher