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Dear Parent

July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus.

Leavers' Mass Friday 20th July. Mass begins at 9:30am – all welcome!

Please join us for our end of year school mass, traditionally celebrated for our leavers. This mass sums up our year and we give thanks to God for all the graces and goodness we have received. We ask for His forgiveness, strength and mercy for the not so good elements of our human nature and we leave this with Him for His sanctification.

This year we say goodbye to the families who are leaving us on Friday:

[Akpeki](#), [Ampatin](#), [Assaf](#), [Austin](#), [Clements](#), [Close](#), [Ebela](#), [Douglas](#), [Faniglione](#), [Hird](#), [Gutierrez](#), [Johnson](#), [Keene](#), [Kinina](#), [Kunnumal](#), [Kuria](#), [Lake](#), [Lawless](#), [Mbungo](#), [McGrath](#), [Middleton](#), [Miller](#), [Pavlou](#), [Pitt](#), [Pressick](#), [Tennant](#), [Vazhappilly](#), [Villanueva](#), [Welch](#) and to all our Y6 children who leave to move on to pastures new – well prepared, thanks to the support from parents and for the exceptional experiences they have received at our school. We pray, too, for those who left the school earlier in the school year.

We give thanks for the staff who are leaving us, Mr Jordan and Miss McLeish – may they know fulfilment in their new schools and with the children they teach.

Following mass, and in order to keep the sanctity of the mass as the cornerstone of our celebration, the Y6 children and their families will, immediately after mass, lead over to school where there will be a remembrance slide show of their time here.

REST IN PEACE ... Fr Brian, who accompanied us to Lourdes in 2016 and was wonderful for us adults and to the children, has died peacefully and returned to His Lord. May he rest in eternal peace and love.



Congratulations

... to Miss Hanlon who will be married during the summer. She will be known as Mrs Keating when she returns. We pray for her and her husband to be, asking God to bless them with faithful love and unending joy all the days of their lives.

Payments for Next Term...

- Milk payments - If you wish your child to have milk for Autumn Term 2018-19, please pay £14.80 via the School Gateway by Wednesday 18th July.
- If you wish your child to take part in Pizza or Fish Friday in the Autumn Term, please pay £34.50 for all 15 Fridays via the School Gateway by Wednesday 18th July.
- Dinner money for next half term (the first of Autumn Term) is £89.70, payment, again, the School Gateway. **For those who are leaving our school, please ensure that any debts are cleared before you leave – midday on Friday 20th July, at the latest. Thank you!**

The school is currently holding a collective debt, from those who have not paid, of over £2000 – this is unacceptable.

The children return to school on Tuesday 4th September 2018.

Lost Property

The lost jumpers, shoes, coats etc. that remain in the lost property 'bin' will be taken to a local charity shop next Monday. Any items that have no labels may be collected by whoever needs extra supplies for their child. We never cease to be amazed how many items of (unnamed) clothing are left unclaimed especially given the cost of the uniform. Obviously we would prefer that all clothes are taken home and used by our pupils – so please take what you need.

Unwanted PE Kits

If any of our Y6 or other leaving children wish to donate PE kits, in particular, we would welcome them so that we can pass on to others, for their use, next year. Thank you!

Thank you... to our PTA for all they have given this year; ... to our Governors for their dedication and commitment to the school; to our staff team who give over and above for all of the children, for their patience and understanding and for their unending drive for your child's success. My thanks to you, our parents, for the support you give to the school, without it we cannot thrive.



It remains for me, once again (the years go round far too fast) to wish you a safe and happy holiday time with lots of sunshine and family togetherness. Remind the children to read every day and to embrace every opportunity to grow.

May our good and generous God bless and keep us all in His loving care these next 6 weeks.

Words of Wisdom to Embrace Going Forward...

**Everything comes to us that belongs to us
if we create the capacity to receive it.**

Rabindranath Tagore

Yours sincerely

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