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Dear Parent

November is dedicated to the Holy Souls

Class Mass – Y4F – Friday 29th November

Please join Miss Horton and children on Friday morning as we say 'goodbye' to the liturgical year. All welcome.

Advent - Year of the Word

On Sunday we begin our new liturgical year – it is the first Sunday of Advent. This year, the Pope has instituted a 'Year of the Word' (The God who speaks) to help the Church grow in love and faithful witness to God. Pope Francis has also declared that the third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be dedicated to the **word** of God – next year (2020) this is 26th January. Our Pope has stated that salvation, faith, unity and mercy all depend on knowing Christ and sacred Scripture. Let us all be 'hearers of the word'.

Stay and Pray

Each Wednesday of Advent we shall have a whole school Meditation in the school hall at 9:00. Please come and share in this silent worship with us.

Advent Charities

This year we are intending to support one 'home' and one 'away' charity.

Home: We have received a request to support St Chad's Sanctuary which supports asylum seekers who often do not have the basic essentials. As well as the material support, the Sanctuary also needs financial support to help those in most need.

Away: Brother Benjamin's Feeding Project (Mavambo Trust) – Zimbabwe. This programme, run by the Redemptorists, supports families who have been affected by HIV/AIDS, specifically the children who are left orphaned but still have to feed themselves and their siblings in 'child headed' households. £10 provides maize for a family for one month.

Christmas Fayre – a message from our PTA:

"Christmas Fayre on this Sat 12 noon -3pm, do come along and join in the festive cheer! Volunteers still needed, please contact the PTA if you can help out.

Film club for infant children (Reception to Y2) on next Mon 2nd Dec, last few days for consent and payment to be handed in, thank you.

AND

Christmas Wreath Workshop takes place Wed 4th Dec 7.30 - 9.30 pm in the school hall - last few spaces remaining."

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is deferred from Sunday 8th to Monday 9th December. To celebrate this special feast, we are arranging exposition of the blessed sacrament in the school hall from 9.00 a.m.

If God is for us, who can be against us?

Election Day – 12th December – SCHOOL CLOSED.

Our school premises will be used for polling for the General Election and therefore the school will be closed to children and staff on this date.

Parking Problems



We are publishing more photographs (a sample can only be included this week - there are, sadly, more!) in the hope that parents who park in this manner will be shamed into being much more safety minded and **STOP PARKING** in the no parking areas.

These parents are asked to come into school to discuss their parking as soon as possible.

Persistent offenders should be prosecuted and the School will support such police action.

Thank you to those who are sensible enough to report such incredible behaviour.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher