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Dear Parent

The Month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

YRC Class Assembly

Please join our Reception children – Miss Cook's class - as they lead our collective worship on Friday, 15th June. Assembly begins at 9:15am. All welcome.

Post First Holy Communion Celebration Mass

On Sunday 17 June, our Year 3 students will celebrate their Holy Communion at the 9:30 am Mass. After Mass, all families, children and staff are invited to the Parish Hall for refreshments. All Year 3 students -- even those who are not celebrating their Holy Communion -- and their families are more than welcome to join in the celebrations too. Donations of food, biscuits and cakes are gratefully received on Sunday morning 9:00 am -- just drop them off in the Parish Hall before Mass begins. We look forward to see you! (Don't forget there will also be an important session for all Holy Communion children on **Saturday 16 June at 9:30am.**)

Lourdes 2018

Mr Blaney and I will be leading our Lourdes trip next week from Tuesday 19th June until Saturday 23rd June, with our Y6 children. We will take your worries and concerns with us as we present them before Our Lady's shrine. Mrs Jones and Mr Clinton will be available should you need to speak with a member of the Senior Leadership Team during this time.

Parking and Prevention ...

Unfortunately, we have been informed that we cannot place cones on the public highway even though this had proven to be a necessary prevention measure to keep our children safe. We have also been informed that it is not the responsibility of the school staff to monitor the road and the offenders of poor parking. Therefore, we now need total compliance and integrity from our parent body – please **DO NOT** park outside the school in areas that are not deemed safe (= were coned off until last week) or illegal and may be the cause of a serious accident due to reduced visibility. I have written to the local MP, Preet Kaur Gill, who is liaising with the Highways Department on our behalf. I will keep you informed on the progress.

Congratulations ...

... to Ms Nicholson who gave birth to a beautiful daughter last week. Etta Michelle was just over 6lbs. Both mum (and dad) and baby are doing well. Our love and congratulations to all. We very much look forward to meeting Etta before the end of term.



Lunch Box Shelves:

Mr Reid's handiwork has been a great success and the collection system has created more order during the lunchbreak. Thank you, Mr Reid.

Sports Day 2018

We have pencilled in **16th July** as our day for the children to participate in some active competition and fun. Infants – am and juniors – pm. More details will follow nearer to the time.

**Good, better, best.
Never let it rest.
'Til your good is better
and your better is best.** St Jerome

On-Line Games

There is growing media coverage about a new (free!) game that young children are becoming obsessed with (even **addicted** to – one 9-year-old allegedly requiring treatment) called 'Fortnight'. While I recognise that newspaper reports are not always as accurate as they appear, this is still worrying...

- 1] We know that some of our children are playing games for those aged 18 years;
- 2] We know that some of our children are on Facebook – youngest approved age is 13 years;
- 3] We know that some of our children are on the 'Fortnight' game – aged 12 years – as they are talking about it in school.

We urge you to monitor and control your child's use of internet and video games with diligence and fortitude – saying 'no' to children when they are relatively young can be the best way to prevent future problems.



Anyone for Tennis?...

Henry Gray played the County cup 10U tennis for Staffordshire. His coaches said:

“It was a whole weekend of a fantastic level of tennis. Henry won all his matches and his team made it to the final against South Wales.”

~ PTA News ~ **Party in Playground:**

The PTA would like to thank you all for the generous offerings of sweets last week, and remind you that on Friday 15th June, the day of the event, we are asking for: **donations of cakes from the infant children and books from the juniors.**

To volunteer to help in the Party in the Playground, please contact directly or email PTA. **Set up from 1.30pm on 15th.**

***** Helpers needed for the 8:00 -9:00 slots and tidy up as a matter of urgency. Please give an hour of your time if you can! ******

Next PTA meeting – **Thursday 28th June 7.30pm in School Hall. All welcome.**

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher