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Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who supported the Macmillan coffee morning recently. We raised an amazing £594.46. The Bake off once again proved to be a huge success. The entries were incredible. Mrs Clerkin had the unenviable task of judging the competition. Thank you once again to The Friends of St Mary's for organising this lovely event.



5 Ways to Well Being

Last week we launched 5 Ways to Well Being to build on to and enhance our already well established well being programme with Hello Yellow on World Mental Health Day. Mrs Dobrowolski delivered a whole school assembly on the theme for this term "Connect". The children are being encouraged to connect with each other and build relationships within and beyond school.



5 Ways to Wellbeing

The curriculum continues to be enriched in imaginative ways including A Super Hero Day in Year One; A Nursery Rhyme Ball in the Nursery and Little Red Riding Hood themed day in Year Two. Not wanting to miss out, Reception will join in on the fun with a circus themed day for next Tuesday. Meanwhile in KS2 Y6 visited Cadbury's World in Birmingham in conjunction with their History topic The Mayans.

Catholic Life of the School

Year Four joined children from all the Catholic Schools in Oldham for a Sacramental Mass at Newman College last week. The children were very reverent during this lovely celebration.



Congratulations to our Pupil Chaplains who were commissioned at Mass last Friday. We are looking at ways of developing their leadership role as the "eyes of Jesus" around our school. Plans are already afoot for them to conduct a Religion Inspection. They will be invited to attend a governors meeting and asked to report back to parents before the end of the term. Watch this space !

Applying for Secondary School Places

May I remind all parents in Y6 to complete an application using the online application system available on the Oldham Council website. Applying on line is the only form of application as Oldham Council no longer provides paper application forms. The online system opened on **1 August 2018** and closes at **5pm on 31 October 2018**. If you don't have access to the internet, there are computers in all Oldham's libraries. You will need an email address, these are very easy to set up and staff at the library will be happy to help.

Building Fund

Thank you to the 23 families who have already contributed to the Diocesan School Building Fund. As a voluntary aided school, 90% of building work is paid by the Department for Education with the Diocese being responsible for the remaining 10%. We have already benefitted hugely from this fund with successful bids for a state of the art heating system in KS1, two new classrooms and a meeting room in KS2. We are fully committed to improving the school environment for the children and have recently purchased new blinds for

Y1 and a new sky light is being installed during the holiday to improve the natural light in a shared working area in KS1. I would strongly urge you to contribute to this fund if you have not already done so in order for us to maintain the programme of improvement to our school.



Thank you as always for your continued support.

Ms M. Garvey

Stay With Us Lord On Our Journey

Diary dates:

Fri 19 th Oct	Bags For School Collection in the foyer
Tues 23 rd Oct	Reception Circus Day
Tues 23 rd Oct	Sacramental Programme Meeting 6pm in school
Wed 24 th Oct	Y1 Harvest Assembly 9.15am
Thur 25 th Oct	Parents Day
Fri 26 th Oct	Y4 Harvest Assembly 9.15am
	School closes
Mon 5 th Nov	School closed staff INSET Day
Tues 6 th Nov	School opens
Thurs 8 th Nov	Y4 Cinema Trip
Fri 9 th Nov	Y3/5 Cinema Trip
Mon 12 th	Anti Bullying Week
Tues 20 th Nov	Y4 Egyptian themed day
Wed 21 st Nov	Y6 cinema Trip
Fri 30 th Nov	Friends of St Mary's Secret Room
Sat 1 st Dec	Christmas Fair
Tues 4 th Dec	KS1 Christmas Concert for Y1 Parents 10.00am
Wed 5 th Dec	KS1 Christmas Concert for Y2 Parents 10.00am
Thurs 6 th Dec	EY Christmas Concert for RCM parents and Nursery AM & FT parents EY Christmas Concert for RJK parents and Nursery PM & FT parents
Fri 7 th Dec	Parish Feast Day Mass in church 9.30am
Tues 11 th Dec	KS2 Carol Service in church 7pm
Wed 12 th Dec	Christmas Dinner
Fri 21 st Dec	Christmas Jumper Day School Closes 1.30pm

