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17.9.2021

Dear families of St. Kentigern's,

### **Celebrating together**

This week, all Key Stage 2 children were able to start our new academic year by attending church and celebrating mass. This is something that we have missed very much and it was wonderful to be able to gather and celebrate mass together.

I would like to thank Mrs Mort's class for leading the mass. They made us all very proud and I know Fr. Michael was impressed by how well prepared they were. I would also like to thank the many families who joined us. It was lovely for the children to have your support.

Not to be left out, Key Stage 1 also visited church this week. Fr. Michael welcomed the children and explained many of the items that they found inside. I would like to thank Fr. for giving so much of his time to our children - they enjoyed it so much that more visits have been planned!

### **Reception Places for September 2022**

The admission process is now open for those families who require a place in Reception from September 2022. I have attached the link below which will take you to the Greater Manchester application page. As all admissions into Reception in September are managed by the Local Authority, it is vitally important that you apply through this link - even if your child is already in our Nursery provision. The deadline date for applications is Monday 17 January 2022

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[https://secure.manchester.gov.uk/info/500321/primary\\_school\\_admissions/7264/apply\\_for\\_a\\_reception\\_class\\_place\\_for\\_september\\_2022/4](https://secure.manchester.gov.uk/info/500321/primary_school_admissions/7264/apply_for_a_reception_class_place_for_september_2022/4)

This year, we will be able to invite families into school for a Reception meeting to see first-hand how exceptional our Early Years provision is. The date of for this meeting is:

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 4.00pm**

If you would like to attend, or if you know of families who would like to join our school, please book a place through our school office.

### **MacMillan Coffee Morning**

I am delighted to invite you into school for a coffee morning on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 9.00am** to raise funds for MacMillan. I would be grateful if you could donate cakes which we will sell to the children for 50p each. Each child will be able to buy one cake. We would also like to organise a raffle for larger (and, if possible, homemade) cakes. Staff members have already volunteered to bake and it would be great if anyone else could contribute in this way.

### **Children's Flu Vaccination**

The nursing team will be in school on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October** to administer the flu vaccination to all children. The registration form for this nasal vaccination will be sent out on Monday. Can you please complete and return this by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September. Please note, there is no online registration process this year.

### **Reading Books**

As you know, we place a great deal of emphasis on ensuring that the children have a high standard of reading. Books have been specifically purchased to ensure that every child has the opportunity to develop their reading.

Unfortunately, many school reading books have not been returned. I would be grateful if you could look at home to see if you can find these books and give them to your child's current class teacher as soon as possible.

### **Message from Fr. Michael**

I hope everyone is staying safe and well. What a week it's been! Along with everything that has been happening, there has been the celebrations for the

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new tennis champion, Emma Radecanu! What a great story it has been; a new champion who seems so polite, charming and inspiring. When we need reminding what truly matters - it's great to see someone like this be acknowledged as a champion. I feel this is the true Gospel value, showing what really matters being celebrated. This is our mission too, to proclaim what is good and right as what really matters most in the world. If you listen carefully to the Gospel this Sunday, this is the message being offered for us all. May we always be aware of the words we use, the implication of the actions of our lives. Have a great, kind and inspiring weekend. St Kentigern and St Joseph, pray for us.

### **Parking**

As you are aware, parking outside school is something which we have had to regularly address. I have been in contact with the Highways Department and they will continue to provide a traffic warden to ensure that the children are safe from traffic in the mornings and afternoons.

Since returning to school I have received a number of complaints from parents and local residents relating to dangerous and inconsiderate parking. Please be aware that many of our neighbours work for the NHS and are on nightshifts. They would greatly appreciate increased consideration at drop off and pick up times. Additionally, the **nursery staff carpark should not be used by families under any circumstances**. Our smallest children are walking through this area and we need to keep them safe.

### **Year 5 Assembly**

This week marked the return of live class assemblies, with Year 5M leading the way. Chester kept a careful eye on rehearsals.



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Unfortunately, despite all the prayers, Mayo did not win the All Ireland Final. Congratulations to Tyrone - how could they not win with Molly's support?!



With continued best wishes,

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Headteacher