



*Celebrating 50 years*

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Dear Parents,

Now that I am in year 6 on a Friday, I find that I reach the end of the week and I haven't sent out a newsletter – you may find them appearing more on a Monday now.

When we break up at the end of this week, we will be 50% of the way through another academic year and that is just frightening. However, there is much to look forward to over the next 1 ½ terms including all our lovely celebrations for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

We have booked for a whole school photograph to be taken on the 17<sup>th</sup> May – let's hope the sun shines on us and it is not raining. There are as you know many other things we have planned. Mrs Sullivan asked me to remind you that the deadline for the recipes for our anniversary recipe book is this Thursday. Please do submit a recipe – Mr Hobbs is the cook in our house and he is putting one together for me, so even the staff are having a go!

## **Earthquake Appeal**

It can seem as if the world just lurches from one disaster to another and sometimes it is hard to see the good that is still present and active in our world today – and it is. The earthquake that has hit Turkey and Syria shows how helpless we all are in the face of natural disasters. You and I teach your children that we can always do good even in the face of such disasters. The people of Turkey and Syria, as the people of Ukraine, are in our thoughts and prayers each day and weekly in mass. This Thursday we will hold a non-uniform day in school, we ask that a voluntary donation of £1 per child is paid and all the money will go to the Disasters Emergency Committee appeal. All members of the community, pupils and staff will be contributing.

## **Congratulations Father Vitalis**

A week ago, on Saturday Father Vitalis was officially made Parish Priest of Corpus Christi, many members of staff and governors attended church for the celebration, and I know it was a joyful occasion. We are lucky to have such a committed and friendly priest and I, and all the community, offer him our love and support as he continues the task of running a large parish and supporting the schools of the parish as well.

## **Teacher Training Day**

School will finish for children on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February as there is a teacher training day on Friday. Together with staff from Norton Hall Children's Centre and staff from our local cluster group we will be learning about the impact of child development and brain function from trauma.



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## **World Book Day**

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March it is World Book Day and to celebrate all children are invited to dress up as a book character or on the theme of books – I believe Mr Gallagher actually dressed as a book one year – it was a great costume!

## **Year 3 and Year 4 Swimming**

This will continue after half term for Year 4 on a Monday and Year 3 on a Tuesday.

## **Reconciliation Meeting**

For parents and children who are in Year 3 and are receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation this term, we will be holding a meeting at St Cuthbert's School on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 5:00pm. This is part of the sacramental programme that we run, and it is important that you and your child attend.

## **Attendance**

Well done to Year 4 who continue to steam ahead with the number of attendance stars that they have won – they continue to top the leader board for attendance.

As the half term closes I will be revisiting individual pupil attendance and after half term organising meetings with parents whose children have attendance lower than 90% - which is classed as persistence absence. I found them very useful last term and we have been able to do a number of things to support children with their attendance.

I wish you all a lovely half term break, when we return I am sure that we will feel that spring is almost sprung!

Take good care,

Mrs Hobbs