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Dear families,

I am delighted to share with you a few updates re-establishing our school-parish links:

### **First Holy Communion Programme**

This is being resumed for those children who are already part way through the course and these families have been contacted. The next course will take place in the new year and further details will be sent nearer the date. This will ensure that we are up to date with this most sacred of sacraments.

**Class and Whole School Masses:** Families and parishioners are warmly invited to attend Mass in the school hall on the following dates:

Tuesday 5th October- Y5 Class Mass  
Tuesday 12th October- Y4 Class Mass  
Tuesday 9th November- Y2 Class Mass  
Tuesday 16th November- Y1 Class Mass  
Tuesday 23rd November- Foundation Stage Class Mass  
Tuesday 30th November- Y6 Class Mass  
Tuesday 7th December- Y5 Class Mass  
Tuesday 14th December- Whole school Mass

During October half term, week day Mass will be held at St Patrick's Church on Wednesdays at 9.15am.

**CAFOD Family Fast Day-** Sunday 3rd October @11am Mass. Pupils to present and collect donations.

On Monday, in school, we'll begin our Harvest Week and the Word of the Week will be Rosary, as we begin the month of October. As part of our mission to be more like Our Lady each day, we aim to reach out to others and to be humble. This links beautifully to Harvest when we think of those who have less and see what more we can do to support them. We will be collecting food such as tins and packets to donate to the food bank, as well as collecting pennies for CAFOD and trying to think of ways that we can be more sustainable. CAFOD's mission this Harvest is to 'Go Green and Give', so we'll end the week with Celebration Assembly, wearing non-uniform made up of bright colours. Our mission is to buy nothing new and to also include a yellow item, as Friday 8<sup>th</sup> is also World Mental Health Day. What a great week to be selfless and to be more like Mary! We hope you'll support us with these special missions in as many ways as you can! ☺

**"Outstanding relationships exist between all members of the school community"**

*Denominational Inspection Report Dec 2013*

### **Children's Liturgy Group**

In order for this group to resume during Sunday Mass at St Patrick's, we are trying to recruit a team of volunteers. Please contact school for further details.

In partnership and prayer,

Mrs JL Smedley

Head teacher

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