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Dear Families,

## Catholic Life of the School

### Diocesan Spiritual Theme

The Diocesan theme for this Lenten term is 'Discipleship'

### Word of the Week

**Our Word of the Week is 'Challenge'.**

Through liturgy and follow up work, we have thought about the challenges we face and who we can ask for help. During this term, pupils have excelled in their attitudes towards each other and have shown great determination and resilience to overcome any challenges in their work.

Sometimes we are challenged in the world we live in by the words which we hear and unkind actions. During this week the mission has been to 'Stop and Think' 'What would Jesus do?'

### Weekly Group Mass

This week, Y6 prepared and led a most beautiful class mass based upon the theme of '**Challenge.**' Father John reminded us that even when we are faced with the most difficult of challenges we are never on our own as God is always by our side.

### New Behaviour Policy

Summary of the new behaviour policy is overwhelmingly positive with staff and pupils voice sharing the following:  
Very calm, happy and productive playtimes and lunchbreaks with lots to do and friends to play with  
Pupils are showing fantastic attitudes towards their learning and no time is lost in the classroom  
Pupils are showing greater responsibility for their actions and learning  
Pupils like the new approach to praise, reward and the quiet reminders of expected behaviour- they especially like the stickers, postcard and recognition symbols as well as nominating their friends.

**What a great start everyone in your Discipleship Mission!**

### School Renovations

We are delighted that areas of our school are having a Spring makeover, including refurbishment of the inside and outside of the Foundation Unit, renovation of our ELSA room, renovation of the library and prayer areas as well as playground developments. We can't wait to share these exciting developments very soon!

### Attendance and Punctuality

We are so grateful for your support with your child's attendance and are fully appreciative of the times when it isn't possible for your child to attend school. Here are the class attendances for this academic year so far:

**F2:** 91.8%    **Y1:** 95.0%    **Y2:** 94.9%    **Y3:** 95.8%    **Y4:** 96.3%    **Y5:** 96.8%  
**Y6:** 97.2%    **Total:** 95.4%

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

*Denominational Inspection Report Dec 2013*

**PTA News**

Please see the attached flyer which explains the PTA clothing collection next week. In addition to this, the PTA have planned a non-uniform day for Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February and the 'Smartie tube challenge' will return over the half term.

**Parents Evening**

You are warmly invited to attend your child's Parents Evening appointment. These will take place over two sessions: Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February from 3.30-6pm and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February from 2.30-5pm. The sessions will be via Teams and eight minutes long in order to discuss how your child is doing this academic year. Please make the booking via parentmail.

**INSET day and Half term**

Friday 11th February is an inset day and school will reopen on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February.

In prayer and partnership

Mrs J L Smedley