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Dear Parents

It is now a few weeks since our school was inspected by the Archdiocese of Liverpool. I had intended to write to you when I had received the official report which would give some detail to the findings. I understand that this particularly busy time of year is causing some delay however, would like to share their initial observations as both the governing board and teaching staff are thrilled to now be officially recognised as, 'An Outstanding Catholic Primary School'. Anyone associated with Catholic Education will appreciate just how much this means as it involves a far more rigorous process than a straight forward one day inspection from Ofsted.

The Inspectors spent a whole day from 8.00am and delivered their findings at 6.30pm. They looked at the Catholic Life of our school, the RE and the Collective Worship, they decided that out of the nine sub categories the school was outstanding in seven of them with the RE element being good with many outstanding features. Fr Grant is delighted and I am sure that you will join me in thanking our teachers and support staff as well as the outstanding support from our governing board. Upon leaving they commented that they thought the school provision was simply outstanding and that the children were indeed most fortunate to have so many wonderful and high quality learning opportunities both within the school building and the outdoor learning environment.

The Governors are keen to capture your views at this time and would ask that you spend a few minutes to access Parent View on the Ofsted Website which asks you to comment upon 10 questions with regard to your child's school. It will give us a clear picture of our strengths and possible areas if any that we can look to improve further in the New Year. I would be most grateful if you found the time to take part in this simple survey as it can form extremely valuable data for the school.

The school is now well into its Christmas preparations and this includes the traditional and festive decorating of the outside of our school as well as the inside. Visitors freely comment upon the effort that we go to maximising this exciting and magical time of year. The children are practising hard for their Nativity Hosanna Rock and the Juniors are putting the final touches to their Carol Concert which will take place at St Gregory's Church on Monday 10th December at 6.00pm.

A big thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Bingo by donating prizes or attending. It was a wonderful fun filled evening and it was so well attended that we had to take extra tables from one of the classrooms. The money made from this event will go towards improving some of the children's equipment in the New Year.

Your generous foodbank donations will be distributed over the coming weeks when I shall take some of our older children to see the main Sefton Distribution Depot for themselves to give them some idea of the increasing demand for this service. Any last minute donations are warmly received.



The girls football team went to the Jeffrey Humble Hub, Long Lane on 23rd November to represent Maghull and District Girls Football. They played several games and equipped themselves admirably although on this occasion they were unsuccessful. I was delighted with their attitude and the way they supported each other against such strong opposition against schools represent other parts of Merseyside.

Our Year 5 hockey teams represented the school at the Maricourt Tournament. It was disappointing that only four schools took part and I was able to take two teams and one of our teams narrowly lost by 1-0 to Aintree Davenhill who were the eventual winners.

As we break for Christmas our football team has been able to play a considerable number of games and finish the year top of the league although the competition this year is particularly strong. I have nevertheless been very pleased with the way they have supported each other and look forward to their remaining games.



Important Dates for your Diary

10th December—Junior Carol Concert at St Gregory's Church at 6.00pm

12th December—Year 2 and 3—Snow Queen Panto—Please bring packed lunches for all children.

12th December—St James Church at 6.00pm —School Choir to sing Carols approx. 30 mins

13th December—Infant Nativity—Hosanna Rock—School Hall 1.45pm

14th December—Infant Nativity—Hosanna Rock—School Hall 1.45pm

17th December—**NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS THIS WEEK**

17th December—Christmas Discos—Infant—4.30pm to 5.30pm Juniors— 6.00pm—7.30pm

21st December—Break for Christmas at 2.00pm

7th January 2019 return to school.

After School Clubs will start the following week beginning Monday 14th January 2019



