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Dear Parents

What a term! I hope you are able to look forward to a lovely family break. I've thoroughly enjoyed a great Spring term because so many lovely things have happened. Thank you for all you did in the run up to the Easter holidays, it was lovely to see the creativity of the children with their Easter Eggs and we enjoyed a number of Liturgies and parental events. The turn out for our term's Maths Workshops has been exceptional thank you, virtually every child had a representative adult. Your support and positivity never ceases to amaze me. Thank you for the way you encourage and support your children and our school. They achieve as well as they do as a result of your encouragement. Thank you.

PTFA

We have a fabulous Parent, Teacher and Friends Association. Over the last few years they have raised a significant amount of money for the school which has been spent on making our school more successful. They have helped us buy the school minibus, paid for the school stage, supported the building of the path which joins the schools together. More recently they have paid for the new EYFS outdoor area and offered to pay for the update to the Wifi in the Juniors. Approximately £30,000 has been donated to our school over the last three years. There is a very small but committed group of parents and grandparents who organise the events. Many of you support the various activities they organise. Thank you to the group for creating the community events and to you for bringing your families along.

We are always looking for new members so if you would like to help at any of the events please come to the upcoming meetings. The next meeting is 6.30 pm on Monday 16 April in the Junior School.

Ofsted

Last week we had a Section 8 Ofsted inspection for the Infant School. I'm thrilled to tell you that it couldn't have gone better. The full report will be published to parents in approximately four weeks. All schools now initially get a one day inspection. If this initial inspection goes well then they get a further two day inspection within the next two years to confirm the judgement. I appreciate all the positivity around the school from the parents, the excellence of the pupils attitudes and behaviour and the brilliance of the staff and governors. The inspectors loved our school!

Community Engagement

I passionately care about the community of St Aloysius and of Hebburn. We want our children to play an active and positive role in the community so they develop into excellent team players and people who make a very positive contribution to their local community. During next term we have arranged our annual Community Engagement Week. The purpose of this week is for every class to do something positive for our community and make our children feel part of a wider group of people. We arranged a similar week last year and it was a hugely successful series of lessons and activities. The behaviour of our children is consistently exemplary in school and when they take part in school visits.

Part of the week is ensuring the children appreciate they are role models and they have an important role to play in the makeup of a future tolerant, outward looking society. If you have any ideas, or work for a company who would like our children to visit and be involved with, please contact your child's class teacher.

First Communion

Well done to our children, staff and parents for the way they have prepared themselves for the Year 4 First Communion Celebrations. Yesterday, I took a phone call from the St Aloysius Deacon, Peter Jones, who was enthused about the excellent behaviour of our children at the recent meeting. I always look forward to the celebration days, which this year are on:

Saturday 12th May at 11.00 am

Saturday 19th May at 11.00 am

Our Choirs will be singing and if you are able to support our children, please do so. It'll be a lovely mass.

Appointments during the day

As a parent myself, I appreciate that often it is difficult to get medical appointments for your children outside the school day. Therefore I do understand sometimes it is essential to take the offered times. Where it is possible, could I ask you to avoid making appointments during the school day?

Parking

Parking around St Aloysius is still very problematic. I regularly speak to our fed up neighbours who express frustration with our parents for inconsiderate parking (parking over driveways and double parking). I frequently speak to the parents involved when I feel I need to. I understand that there is limited parking facilities around school, so please park (if you need to drive) a little further away. It is our children who are regularly put at risk, so please support us.

We have recently posted the Annual Report for Governors written by our attached advisor on the school website. It is in the Information Section, under Governors. Please do check it out. We constantly update our website with lots of information and evaluation documents. I do hope you find them useful.

Thank you for all you do for our children, we love what we do and really appreciate your excellent support. Enjoy the holidays!

Kind Regards



Nick Conway
Head Teacher