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Dear Parents

It's been really busy at St Aloysius over the last few weeks but really fun too. We had excellent attendance for Y6 maths and Reception phonics workshops, I'd like to thank the many parents who were able to support them. Our staff love it when you come in, they are always really positive experiences. Over the coming weeks we have parent events for every class. We'll look forward to seeing you.

### **Teacher Training**

At St Aloysius we have an outstanding reputation for the training of teachers. Over the last few years we have trained up to five teachers (all of whom we have since employed): Miss Holway, Mr Rushton, Miss Fawcett, Mrs Fenwick (Miss Barrett), Miss Reddington and Mr Hunter have all trained with us. Currently this year, we are training two people: Miss Sarah Philipson and Miss Chloe Cunningham. They are excelling, if you know of anyone who is interested in training in our school next year then please tell them to check out the Teacher Training Section on the website.

### **Autumn Term Parents' Evenings**

The first Parents' Evenings of the academic year will be held on Tuesday 6 and Wednesday 7 November). The times are from 3.30 pm to 6.00 pm each night for all classes from Reception to Year 6. This is an opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher and discuss how they have settled into their new class this year. You need to book via the link to your mobile phone or email address which will take you to our online booking system to select a time convenient for you. If you have difficulty with this, please contact the school office and they will do it with you.

Please follow these simple steps to book your slot:

1. Click the link that you receive through text and/or email to take you to the confirmation page. You will need internet access to do this.
2. Enter your child's first name to continue. If you have more than one child, any of their first names will work.
3. Next you will be taken to the booking page. This will show your children alongside all of the teachers that you can book in with.
4. Click 'Please Choose' to be shown a list of available times that you can click to book. This will even give you the option to add any notes that you might want the teacher to see before the meeting.
5. After you have entered any notes, please click 'Book this Slot' to complete your booking. When the button has turned green you know your booking has been made.
6. At any time before the Parents Evening, you can click the link on your phone or email again to check your booking time or even un-book by clicking the green booked button.

Please note that if you have a child in Infants and Juniors you will receive a link for both schools.

Make sure you book your parents evening as soon as possible to ensure you get the best time for you. If you have any concerns or cannot make these dates please contact the class teacher directly at the end of the school day. The parent meetings will be held in the **Junior Hall** for all classes and you'll be able to see the pupil's work in the Junior classrooms. The Nursery classes have their termly Stay and Play events and these are used to speak to parents individually about how well their children are doing. These will start the week commencing Monday 5 November (further information to follow).

### **School Photographer**

The school photographer will be in attendance on **Wednesday 21 November**. Your child will have a class photograph taken during the school day. Any child who was absent on 26 September and missed having their individual photograph taken will have theirs taken on this date.

### **Bikes and Scooters**

We would like to make you aware that any bikes and scooters brought into school are brought in at your own risk and school will not be responsible for any loss or damage.

### **Safeguarding and Child Protection**

We are passionate that every child at our school is safe and protected from harm. This means we will always work to:

- Protect children at our school from maltreatment;
- Prevent impairment of our children's health or development;
- Ensure that children and young people at our school grow up in circumstances which are safe;
- Undertake that role to enable children have the best outcomes;
- Support families in our school to ensure they thrive.

On our school website we have a number of useful sections which gives clear direction to staff, volunteers, visitors and parents about expected behaviour and our legal responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children at our school. We have useful sections about computer safety, bullying and cyberbullying as well as information about keeping children safe from harm. There is a dedicated Safeguarding Section as well as a section called 'Keeping your child safe'. Our aim is to prevent, protect and support.

### **School Safeguarding Team**

If you want to know more about our procedures, please speak to one of the following:

Mrs Carole Godfrey - Designated Child Protection Officer

Nr Nick Conway, Miss Kathryn Fenwick, Mrs Dionne Dunn, Miss Julie Doughty or Mrs Vicky James - Deputy Designated Child Protection Officers

### **Diary Dates**

The best way to keep up with many things happening at school is through the website calendar, we also regularly update the school Facebook page with reminders.

At St Aloysius we want our pupils to have the very best opportunities for their future lives and their high quality work will open doors to the careers and the futures they aspire to. There is no doubt that their high achievement is down to a lot of hard work, superb parental support and great teaching. If we can help in any way, please contact us.

**Remember we are closed on Monday 12 November. for a staff training day, the theme of the day is English and the Primary Writing Project.**

