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Dear Parent,

Y2L Class assembly

Please join Miss Adam's class as they lead our collective worship on Friday morning – 1st February. All welcome to share in this lovely occasion. The assembly begins at 9:15am – please be on time to avoid upsetting the children once they have begun. Thank you.

Internet Safety Day – 5th FebruaryIMPORTANT!It is interesting to think why there is a need to have a day dedicated to internet safety. Sad, but
true!This year, Mr Clinton will lead on two parent workshops/sessions regarding this growing
concern.Parent Internet Safety Meetings:
Tuesday 5th February8.30am in the school hall (dance will end in
the hall at 8.20 but continue elsewhere on site)
3.00pm in the school hall.

Please make every effort to attend and to increase your awareness of the dangers that can lurk behind seemingly innocent games. This affects children from Y1 to Y6.

We are aware that some of our children have little parental controls in place on their internet usage. We are also aware that children are accessing sites, apps and games where they are too young to do so. We only have to read the media to find out how dangerous this can be for the children so please come along to find out how you can add to the controls you may already have in place. This is about protecting the children – we cannot overstate the importance of this.

PLEASE make every effort to attend our parent sessions on 5th February. Thank you.

Health and Fitness Week 4th to 8th February

Mr Davis has organised a week that will be full of great learning opportunities and activities on the theme of being **healthy in body, mind and spirit**. External specialists, in addition to our school team, will work in each class. Topic learning will accommodate healthy themes. The children will share learning by viewing each other's work at the end of what promises to be a very memorable five days.

Please note regarding winter PE kit:

children are encouraged to have a <u>pair of tracksuit bottoms</u> (black or blue only) to wear for PE, which is sometimes outdoors; the current low temperatures are not kind to children who wear just shorts. Children should also wear trainers for outdoor activity when surfaces are often wet.

Thought for this week:

Jesus said, "whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much." (Luke 16:10)

So...

Your character really isn't formed by the big events of your life. Instead, **who** you are is ultimately determined by the **smaller choices** you make each day.

Reception Classes – SUPER HERO Day!



Our Reception children and staff will be dressing up as super heroes for the day on <u>FRIDAY 1ST February</u>. Please ensure that your child comes to school already dressed in their outfit. Thank you!



School Mission week 11th – 15th February

As you are aware, we have a mission team of seven trained adults coming into school to work with all the children throughout the week 11th -15th February.

The week will culminate with a school mass on Friday 15th at 2pm in the church to which you are all warmly invited. It is a wonderful opportunity to bear witness to our faith as a whole community of children, parents, other relatives and friends with the school staff and mission team.

As part of the week, **coffee/tea** will be available for parents each morning between 8.30 - 8.50. Please skip the High Street's cafes and share a drink with the mission team who will be pleased to meet you.

Thank you, again, for those parents who were able to offer accommodation to the team

More Mission details to follow next week.

Parking pledges

Thank you to the parent drivers who have completed their pledge. We estimate 40% response from parents to date. For those of you who have not yet signed your pledge, please do so by the 8th February. If you do not drive and feel this is <u>not</u> applicable to your circumstances, please return the form or a note – if the form has been discarded – to confirm this. If a pledge is not received, we shall be contacting those parents individually to rectify this.

PTA notices:

PTA meeting this Thursday, 31st January 19.00 - 20.30 ~ School hall, all welcome!

Junior Disco Tickets on sale now £2.50 each and selling fast, available from your class representative.

Yours sincerely

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