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Dear Parent

November is dedicated to the Holy Souls

During the month of November, we remember our beloved dead. We pray each day to support their journey to heaven and final peace. The children are keeping memorial books of remembrance that will be kept each year.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Beginning of School Day

Thank you for supporting us as we return to our normal school start time for all of our children. We took this step due to the efficiency with which our children were coming into school before half term. Today, the children were in school within 10 minutes. If the children are left to walk down the drive it works really well. Parents can swiftly go on their way and congestion is avoided. There is always a number of staff observing the children so they are completely safe.

Please, if you need to arrive earlier than 8.30, you should use Kidz.comm's breakfast club. We cannot allow clusters of people to build up at the front of the school. Thank you!

New Lockdown Restrictions:

As you are aware, our country begins newer and stricter regulations from Thursday. This means we cannot allow visitors into school without notice. We also aim to minimise the amount of people coming into contact with children and staff for our safety and protection.

Please use the NHS QR scan for track and trace – on front door and window should you have an appointment to meet someone within the school.

Parent consultations

Unfortunately, due to the new legal restrictions, we cannot allow parents to meet with teachers inside the school building. Therefore, your child's class teacher will telephone you to give you an overview of how your child is getting on so far this year. **The appointment times remain the same and remain limited to 10 minutes.** The person who booked the appointment will be called.

If you miss the telephone call **PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE.** We cannot block all telephone lines coming into school and your child's teacher will make arrangements via e-schools to make an alternative appointment.

The God Who Speaks...

**'How happy the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.'**

Spare Clothes Needed

If you have any spare underwear – boys and/or girls for under 6 years old – we would love them at school for the little accidents that our youngest children sometimes have. In this we include tights and trousers or shorts too. Thank you!

Ordinary Time – Week 31: 'Happy the pure in heart; they shall see God.'



Chess Club

This will continue because we are managing to keep to our class bubbles. No other clubs will take place at this time.

New Staff

We would like welcome three new teaching assistants to our school. Mrs Palmer is supporting in Y2; Mrs F. Williams in Y4 and Ms Moster in Y5. We are sure they will be a great addition to our team!

We have also appointed a number of new lunchtime supervisors who are getting to know the children this week. They have already shown excellent commitment to looking after the children and keeping them safe.



Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'H M Cusack'.

H M Cusack
Headteacher