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Dear Parents / Carers

Congratulations to our Gold Star Children this week who are:

Reception: James for making such a great effort in phonics.

Y1: Finley for great counting in 2's, 5's and 10's, well done!

Y2: Harry for great concentration and getting a fantastic mental arithmetic score.

Y3: Lucas for a brilliant shape poem.

Y4: Olivia for superb writing skills in class.

Y5: Shay for excellent knowledge in RE and Mass.

Y6: Alex for trying really hard to be more organised and for working faster in all lessons.

September 2016 admission: the online application is now open for Reception 2016. We will be holding two Open Sessions, on Monday 9th November from 9.30am – 10.30am and Thursday 12th November from 2pm – 3pm. This will be an opportunity for any interested parents (Catholic or non-Catholic) to experience our caring, Christian community. This will be particularly relevant to anyone considering a place in Reception class for September 2016.

Lost coat: a Y1 boy is missing a black quilted coat which is named. Can you please check that your child has the correct coat? We also have three lovely coats in Lost Property which are not named.

Shoe Box Appeal: Mrs Harris is now collecting gift-filled shoe boxes as part of Operation Christmas Child. Each shoe box will be hand delivered to a child in need, asking nothing from them in return. All boxes are given to the neediest children regardless of nationality, political background or religious beliefs.

Poppies: will be on sale after the half term. This year the British Legion have sent key-rings, rulers, bracelets, hair slides etc. as well as poppies; so there will be lots of things to buy to support Remembrance Day.

Mathletics: is a programme which encourages children to use their maths to compete safely against other children around the world, with anyone getting into the Hall of Fame getting a mention on Mathletics website. Mathletics is very successful in helping children to practise and improve their skills. Bronze, Silver and Gold awards are given out every Friday. School currently pays for home access to Mathletics which is available on most tablets as well as the computer – log on details should be at the back of your child's homework folder. If you are having problems accessing Mathletics on an iPad or Android device you may need to update the App.

Toys in school: a few children have taken to bringing small toys into school – cars, plastic figures etc. Dealing with problems over which toy belongs to which child, children complaining about damaged toys etc., is wasting valuable teaching time. Children must not bring toys into school. They have equipment to use at lunchtimes, when learning to share, take turns and to co-operate with each other are important aspects of their development. Any toys brought in will be taken from the child and only returned at home time.

School Mass: after half term will still be on a Thursday but will take place in the school hall and not in the church. You are all welcome.

Dates for the diary:

Friends Coffee Morning: will take place after the Advent Assembly on Friday 27th November.

Christmas Disco: a date has now been arranged for the Christmas Family Disco. This, very popular family event, will take place in the school hall on Friday 11th December from 7pm. Tickets (£2.50 each) will be available after half term.

Enjoy the half term.

S. M. Mason