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"Called to Love as God Loves"

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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to everyone who generously supported the Macmillan Coffee morning last week which raised an incredible £450. The Bake Off was a huge success with Michael, Megan, Lily Mae and Isabella claiming "best in show." Thank you to The Friends of St Mary's for once again organising this lovely event.

Pupil Leadership

Bethany and Sam were appointed Head Girl and Head Boy holding off stiff competition from 16 other candidates. We wish them every success and are sure that they will have a significant impact on the life of the school as their predecessors had. I am delighted to say pupil leadership is strong in the school with our newly appointed School Council; Y6 Prefects; Well Being Ambassadors, Eco Committee, Librarians and Pupil Chaplains who will be commissioned after Mass on Friday morning.



As October is the Month of the Holy Rosary, the children will once again be bringing home their class Rosary Bags. The Chaplains hope that you will take the opportunity to pray together as a family to Our Lady our Mother and patron saint of our school.



This week flyers have gone home with the Y5 and Y6 children inviting them to a homework hub at Holy Family Parish Room. Father Michael has organised volunteers, many of whom are ex teachers, to support children in their learning by providing a quiet space for children to complete their homework. The session is a drop in which runs from 5.30pm - 7.30pm and is followed by a social event from 7.30-8.30pm for those wishing to stay. Father is very excited about this project; I do hope that you will consider taking advantage of this offer.

Applying for Secondary School Places

May I remind all parents in Y6 to complete an application using the online application system available on the Oldham Council website. Applying on line is the only form of application as Oldham Council no longer provides paper application forms. The online system closes on 31st October 2019. If you don't have access to the internet, there are computers in all Oldham's libraries. You will need an email address - these are very easy to set up and staff at the library will be happy to help.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

Ms M. Garvey

Stay With Us Lord On Our Journey

Diary dates:

Thur 10 th Oct	Flu Vaccination (Reception-Year 6)
Tues 22 nd October	Y6 trip to York
Thur 24 th Oct	Parents' Evening
Fri 25 th Oct	School Closes
Mon 4 th Nov	School Opens
Mon 4-6 th Nov	Y6 Robinwood Residential
Tues 19 th Nov	Y1-3 trip to pantomime
Wed 20 th Nov	Y4-6 Trip to pantomime
Fri 29 th Nov	KS2 Secret Room
Sat 30 th Nov	Christmas Fair
Tues 3 rd Dec	KS1 Concert (Y1 parents)
Thurs 5 th Dec	KS1 Concert (Y2 parents)
Fri 6 th Dec	Parish Feast Day Whole School Mass 9.30am
Wed 11 th Dec	Christmas lunch
Thur 12 th Dec	Early Years Concert
Fri 20 th Dec	Close 1.30pm Christmas Jumper Day