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Living our Faith, Learning in Love

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Dear Families

Goodbye to Claire and Gordon

Sadly, and with very heavy hearts, today we've had to say fond farewells to our truly wonderful School Business Manager, Claire Gagon and to the worlds-best lollipop man, Gordon Kanes. They are both such gorgeous, incredible and special people and we are all very much the better for having known us. They have both worked so very hard for our school and for all the children and have made a wonderful and positive impact on us all. They have touched our hearts and we will miss them both so very much.

We have had two special assemblies today to help us to celebrate their time with us and to present them with some of many wonderful and heart-felt cards and gifts they've received.

Each is going on to follow and further their adventures – Claire is joining a local firm and Gordon is looking forward to enjoying a very well-deserved retirement in Wales. We send them the very best of luck and special wishes for a truly bright and happy future and hope they'll come back to see us all often.

Car Park Resurfacing

As you will no doubt have noticed, our car park is in desperate need of repair and we are concerned that it now poses a health and safety risk. It has been in need of resurfacing properly for a number of years and we are absolutely delighted that the Diocese have now agreed to assist us with this project.

Beginning Saturday 11th February, for **approximately** two weeks these vital works will take place – the week of half-term and the first week back to school. The contractors are insistent that for health and safety reasons there will be **no access to school through the Cedar Road entrance** whilst this resurfacing is taking place.

We will therefore have to request that everyone who arrives at and departs our school must do so using only the church car park entrance for this period of time.

I appreciate this will inconvenience many of you living very locally and do apologise for this however, in the interests of everyone's – especially our children's – safety, we hope you understand this temporary arrangement.

We will let you know as soon as the contractors inform us we can safely use the Cedar Road entrance.

We all very much look forward to the 'finished job' which, as well as ensuring our carpark is a safe place, will really smarten up our school entrance.

Sporting Achievements

As you will have seen if you're following our school on social media, we have had another very successful few weeks with sporting successes for our fabulous children at All Saints'.

At the recent Premier League Primary Stars Football Tournament, our Girls' team played absolutely brilliantly, narrowly missing out on the final – by just one point!

And last Tuesday, one of our boys' teams, again taking part in the Premier League Primary Stars Football Tournament, played fabulously well and won! This means, as with last year, they are now through to the national finals, which will be held in April.

Well done to all our fabulous footballers, they are such a talented group of children, skilful, determined and so encouraging of each other, they always represent our school so very well and we are extremely proud of them all.

Return to School

It has come as quite a shock to realise that the season of Lent is almost upon us – it seems only moments ago that it was Christmas! We return on Monday 20th February with Lent beginning that very Wednesday. Year 6 will lead our special Ash Wednesday Mass which will be celebrated in Church at 9:30am, you are all very welcome to join us.



Talent Show

Congratulations to our fantastic Year 6 who organised a wonderful Talent Show to raise money for the victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria. We all thoroughly enjoyed every minute and all our performers were absolutely brilliant, they should be extremely proud of themselves – what a fabulous way to end a fabulous half-term!

I hope you all manage to have a lovely break with the children next week, that the weather is kind and that you have some wonderful times together with family and friends. Your children are an absolute joy and we will all miss them this week, very much looking forward to seeing them all again on Monday 20th February - a beautiful half-term as we prepare for Easter.

With very best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anita Fagan'.

Anita Fagan
Headteacher

“I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot;
together we can do great things” Mother Teresa