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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our first half term together is drawing to a close. I knew joining St Monica's was a huge privilege, but the school has outdone itself this half term. The dedication from all members of staff to serve our pupils has impressed me each day, and the pupils themselves have shown our core values of Faith, Aspiration, Resilience and Respect. A great first half term from all concerned.

Parents' Evening - Next Half Term

We have finalised the dates for the Parents' Evening for next half term. We will send out specific letters to each year group to confirm time slots and dates with parents and carers.

Parents' Evenings will be on the following dates:

- Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2: Monday 30th - November 10th
- Y3 - 6: Monday 11th - Tuesday 12th December

Pantomime: Cinderella

We have booked the Pantomime for December. A professional panto company will come into school and put on a performance of Cinderella. We have a host of festive activities planned so our pupils can celebrate this special time and make lasting memories.

I will update you all with a full list when we have finalised everything. This includes my first Nativity as headteacher in St Monica's: I have heard great things and cannot wait.

Parking and Speeding on Timon Avenue and in front of our Main Gate

Can I ask all parents to be extra vigilant on the roads. Timon Avenue is a very difficult road and can get very busy, please take extra care on this road, especially on Wednesdays when bins obscure the viewpoint. There was an incident on the road with a speeding car with a cat this week which was very upsetting, I do not want this to be one of our children. I will send any footage of speeding cars to the police.

Where Timon Avenue is concerned, no speed is too slow and you cannot drive carefully enough.

It is also becoming a habit to park on the grass in front of the main gate, this is dangerous as pupils run on to the grass after school.

Let's look after one another and each others' children.

Football and Sports Team Selection

I have had over a dozen phone calls and parent meetings about football team selections across year groups. I would like to make it clear that my strategy moving forward will be that we give a wider range of pupils the chance to play for and represent St Monica's. A set team only creates division and disappointment, where we want inclusion and togetherness.

Harvest Festival Donations

Thank you for your kind donations for Harvest Festival over the past weeks. Many families will benefit from this. We are going to place cupboard in our Foyer next half term, we will keep this stocked and if any members of our school family are in need, they can take items whenever needed. We want to be there to help as much as we can.

Nursery Rhyme Performances

Reception and Nursery have just put on exceptional Nursery Rhyme performances with actions, wonderful singing and an excellent turn out from parents and carers. A lovely way to end the half term.

Have a restful and healthy half term and see you all on Monday 30th October.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. J. Gouldbourne