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Dear Families,

Annual Mission Day

Last week, our Annual Mission Day was a wonderful success. Throughout the day, the children had opportunities to reflect on our school motto:

Love Jesus, Love Learning, Love Life

The children spent time thinking about what these words mean to them and how they can live out our school mission in their everyday lives, both in school and at home.

We finished the day by coming together as a whole school for a reflective Celebration of the Word. It was a lovely opportunity for our children and staff to pray, reflect and celebrate together as one school family.

Attendance and Punctuality

Please can I ask all parents and carers to continue to support us in ensuring good attendance and punctuality.

School attendance is monitored carefully throughout the whole school, from Nursery to Year 6. The good habits children form now will follow them throughout their school career.

School is important for your child because:

- They make friends.
- They learn new things.
- They grow in confidence.
- They have a good start in life.
- They have fun!

Regular attendance ensures that all children have the greatest opportunity to develop these important skills, make good progress and become lifelong learners.

There is an expectation that your child attends school every day and arrives on time.

If you are experiencing difficulties with ensuring your child's regular attendance at school, please contact the school so that we can discuss how we may be able to support you.

For further information, please refer to our School Attendance Policy, which is available from the school office or on our school website [Holy Cross and All Saints RC Primary School - Punctuality & Absence Procedures](#). Further information about school attendance and absence is also available on the Salford City Council website

[School attendance and absence•Salford City Council](#)

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Medical and Other Appointments

Wherever possible, please arrange medical, dental and other appointments outside of school hours or during the school holidays. This helps us to minimise disruption to your child's education.

We appreciate that sometimes an appointment during the school day cannot be avoided. If you do need to take your child out of school for an appointment, please:

- Let us know in advance wherever possible.
- Provide a copy of the appointment letter, card, text or other confirmation, so that we can add the information to your child's attendance record and record the absence appropriately as an authorised medical absence.
- Where possible, let your child's class teacher know in advance what time you will need to collect your child. This means that staff can help to ensure your child's belongings are ready.

Please also be patient when collecting your child during the school day. Depending on where your child is in school at the time, it can take some time for them to return to their classroom, collect their belongings and come to the school office. Thank you for helping us to keep children's attendance records accurate and minimise lost learning time.

Parish Mass – Sunday 20th September

We are looking forward to welcoming our Reception children and their families to Parish Mass at Holy Cross Church on Sunday 20th September at 11.15am.

All members of our school community are very welcome to join us.

Fr Martin has also sent correspondence to the children who completed the Sacramental Programme, inviting them to attend Mass this Sunday to collect their certificates. We hope to see many of our children and families there as we come together as a school and parish community.

Behaviour and Our Golden Rules

Our staff and children have worked extremely hard on developing positive behaviour habits and consistently following our Golden Rules.

Thank you for your continued support at home. Having consistent messages between home and school makes a real difference to children.

I have attached an information sheet for parents explaining how to access some of the TGMC parental resources. These resources will help families understand and reinforce some of the positive behaviour strategies we are promoting in school.

I have also attached our [Acceptable Use Policy information for parents](#). Please take some time to read through this important information.

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After-School Clubs

This year, we are pleased to be offering additional after-school club opportunities for our children.

Each term, our class teachers will very kindly run three weeks of after-school clubs within their departments. These opportunities will be available to all children from Year 1 to Year 6.

Our first club sessions will take place on:

Tuesday 6th October

Tuesday 13th October

Tuesday 20th October

A selection form will be sent home shortly so that your child can choose the club they would like to attend.

Clubs will finish at 4.15pm, and children should be collected promptly from their normal classroom exit.

We hope that the children will enjoy having the opportunity to take part in different activities and interests alongside their friends.

Parents' Meetings – November

Our first Parents' Meetings of the school year will take place in November. These meetings provide an important opportunity for you to meet with your child's class teacher and discuss how your child has settled into their new class and the progress they are making.

EYFS and KS1: Tuesday 10th November – afternoon/evening

KS2: Wednesday 11th November – afternoon/evening

Further information, including details of how to book your appointment, will be sent to parents and carers nearer the dates.

Best wishes,

Mrs A. Bell

Headteacher

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