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Dear Parents / Carers,

Remembrance Assembly



We had a moving and very poignant Assembly delivered by Prep 4 on Thursday morning. They were extremely respectful and set a very appropriate mood which was picked up by the whole school. Many staff and parents had a tear in their eye at the end. I was especially impressed with the maturity and understanding that they displayed and by how much they have learned. I was also made aware that it was our first ever Remembrance Assembly. How fitting that we celebrate the 100 years as our first. Thank you Prep 4 and thank you to those parents who attended.

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, We will remember them."

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society Advent Appeal

This year, the school is supporting the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society Advent Appeal. Each child will be receiving a small collection box in the shape of an Advent Candle to be filled with loose change to remember others who may not be as fortunate as themselves at this special time of the year. Please return them to school in the week beginning Monday

10th December or before. All those children who return them will receive some Reindeer food as a thank you.

Last year the advent fundraising raised over £10,000 - a fantastic amount of money that made a huge difference to the lives of many children in the Brentwood Diocese. This year, they are hoping that as many schools as possible will support this campaign to ensure that we are able to continue supporting those children and families who turn to us for help.

Maths Enrich Club

Our new Maths Enrich Club for Prep 4 girls commences next Wednesday at 8.30am. Please access the school via the Nursery (club) entrance. We had a few turn up last Wednesday. It is good to see how enthusiastic you all are.

Flu Immunisations – Thursday 29th November 2018

Please ensure all consent forms are returned as a matter of priority. Please complete and return even if you do not wish your daughter to be immunised. Thank you.

Prep 3 & 4 – Young Voices – O2

The deadline for returning consent forms, ordering tickets and T-shirts is Monday 12th November. Thank you.

Christmas Bazaar

Tomorrow is our Christmas Bazaar and the children are very excited to come and support the event. I look forward to seeing you all there. I have been so impressed with the support given by our parents to date by providing items for our stalls and offers of help on the day. It will be a fantastic event and the children will benefit enormously from your efforts. Please note all children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. The school does not accept responsibility for children who are left unsupervised.

Dispensation:

As a special dispensation and to support our Bazaar, the girls will be allowed, if they have their nails painted, to keep it on until Friday 16th November.

Website

We can all look forward to a new and improved website, which is currently under development and will be live within a couple of weeks. Please note our current website is now no longer available.

Earrings

Thank you to those parents who have already ensured that their children do not wear earrings for school. Please keep this up.

Christmas Lunch

A gentle reminder for parents to visit SchoolMoney to pay for the Christmas lunch please.

Achievement Assembly

Today we had our first Achievement Assembly. This is an opportunity for the girls to be rewarded for their hard work. One girl from each class received a Merit certificate and one girl from each class will received a Social Skills certificate. Today some girls also received their music certificates. It is a lovely opportunity to come together as a school family to celebrate our achievements. Thank you to those parents who attended. You are all warmly invited each Friday.

Infant Nativity – Friday 7th December at 2pm

Please be advised that Nursery and Infants 1 will also be participating in the Infant Nativity and all parents are warmly invited into school from 1.30pm for refreshments.

Mass:

Due to us having our Remembrance Assembly this week no class attended Mass. Next week Prep 4 will be attending and leading the singing.

Father Pat extends a warm welcome to you all and invites you and your daughters to the 9.30am Sunday Mass. Your daughter is also invited to join the choir at the 9.30am Sunday Mass. Just turn up and your daughter can go and join the choir at the front of the church.

There is also a children's choir practice held each Tuesday at 7.15pm in the Pastoral Centre of Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

Attendance this week:

Nursery	Prep 1
Infants 1	Prep 2
Infants 2	Prep 3
Infants 3	Prep 4

Carol Singing at OLOL on Sunday 16th December

All Preps are invited to sing in church at 7.30pm on Sunday 16th December.

Christmas Bazaar

Here is an example of some of the wonderful prizes that will be on show at our Christmas Bazaar. We look forward to seeing you all there.



**Mrs S Birtles
Headteacher**