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## Dear Parents,

# Mass

Thank you to Father Rick who visited Y6 on Thursday morning and celebrated mass. For now, masses will take place in the classroom and not in the church, we are sorry but for now we cannot have any parents attending.

## History Day

Children thoroughly enjoyed History day last Friday and produced some fabulous work.

# Show Racism the Red Card

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October we will be supporting "Show Racism the Red Card". We are asking that children (and staff) wear something red with their school uniform to raise awareness regarding tackling racism in society e.g. red socks, a red tie, red hair band, red trainers or shoes etc.

# Online platform and survey

Thank you to all parents who completed the questionnaire relating to internet access and computers at home. We are in the process of getting an online learning platform. More information will follow.

## Individual photographs

On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November the school photographer will be in to take individual school photos. This year we cannot allow family or siblings photographs, only individual photos will be taken.

#### Parking and endangering our pupils

Last week I spent hours observing parent drop-offs. I feel truly saddened that even though I have sent out reminders, parents are still parking badly and stopping in the middle of the road to drop off. When being questioned the answer is "but it is only for a few seconds". It takes a few seconds for a child to be hit by a car and killed! Parents that park over drives, on double yellow lines, across the school gate or park by mounting the curb are antagonising neighbours and endangering pupils. There is no need for this. Also, if you are getting dropped off by a taxi, it is your responsibility to ask the driver to park safely. If necessary, you may have to walk a short distance from the taxi to the school gate.

We seem to be following rules to keep our children safe in terms of the Corona virus but are wiling to risk lives by parking thoughtlessly.

I am asking you to park and walk if there are not legal parking spaces.

# A CHILD IS GOING TO DIE UNLESS WE STOP PARKING IRRESPONSIBLY!

Half Term date reminder Monday 26th to Friday 30th October

Have a good week, Mrs Cashell