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Dear Parents

### Wear it Bright for CAFOD

Just a reminder, children can wear any bright coloured clothes to school tomorrow to support CAFOD. We ask for a £1.00 donation or a tin/packet of food for our Christmas Helping Hampers.

### Mass dates

Our new parish priest Father Ric visited the school last week and led an assembly about St Francis. The children thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity to relate the work of Saint Francis with their everyday actions.

We are changing the way class masses are celebrated. Father Ric would like class masses to happen at 11.00am on Tuesdays rather than during a parish mass at 9.30am. Whole school masses will still be celebrated at 9.30am.

### **The following masses have been arranged:**

Whole School mass for All Saints 1<sup>st</sup> November 9.30am St Basil's  
Y3 and Y4 mass Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 11.00 St Basil's

### Lunch time band system

We have introduced a band system for children with allergies at lunchtime. If your child has an allergy they will be issued with a coloured band, this will alert lunchtime staff to the needs of individual children.

### Medical / allergy forms

It has been brought to my attention that parents do not always update the school with regards to their child's allergies and medical conditions. Next week we will be sending each child home with a letter, please update the allergy and medical needs.

### Nursery Update

We are still waiting for news from Basildon Planning Department regarding permission to build the school nursery.

### Parent Consultation Meetings next week

Just a reminder you should have completed a slip stating the time that you would like to see your child's class teacher. If you have not yet completed this form, please do so before Monday.

### Parking

Please do not park in front of our neighbours' drives or on the yellow lines as this causes danger to our pupils. If it continues I will have to use the school budget to purchase cones with money that could be spent on reading books.



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### Picking up children late

Please could you pick up promptly at 3pm as we do not have childcare facilities after 3pm.

### PE kits

PE is a statutory part of the school curriculum. Children must have PE kits in school. As a duty of care to your child you must supply a PE kit. We changed the PE kit from a polo-shirts with school logo to a plain white t shirt option, as some parents found the polo shirts too expensive, and all we now ask for is a white t shirt, trainers, plimsolls and a pair of PE shorts. Generally, if you buy a PE kit at the beginning of the year it should last all year round. This year for our summer beach trip we have decided that children will wear PE kits or will not be able to attend (staff feel it will be safer to track St Teresa's pupils on the beach if they are all wearing the same outfits and I feel school uniform would not be appropriate).

Cost of PE kits:

White t shirt =approximately £2.00

Black PE shorts = £3.00 (Asda)

Plimsolls = £3.00 (Asda)

There are at least ten children **per day** that do not have PE kits in school. From Monday letters will be issued to parents who do not send their child to school with a PE kit. If your child does not have a PE kit in school, they will not be able to participate in the lesson due to health and safety.

Autumn Menus

New menus will be issued next week, starting after half term.

Enjoy the weekend with your families.

Mrs Cashell