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Dear parents/guardians,

You may have noticed on Tuesday, that I wasn't here for most of the day – I was at a Diocesan conference for new head teachers. To be totally honest, I wasn't that enthusiastic about going as I felt I had so much to do here in school! However, after a day of listening and reflecting with a group of other 'newbies', I came away glad that I had gone.

I had a chance to reaffirm my mission and vision for the school. It was a time where I could contemplate and not get swallowed up by all of the day to day issues, Covid rules and paperwork etc. One quote that really got me thinking was the following:

“We often ask ourselves with some concern, what world are we leaving to our children? Perhaps it would be better to ask: What children are we giving to the world?”

I hope that together with you and the Parish, we at St. Ann's will be sending out children who are kind, considerate and empathetic, who will go on to make the world a better place for all; children who are fully equipped for the challenges of the future and above all are happy to be who they are.

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be setting up our school council again and one of the issues we will investigate is the increase in traffic pollution and congestion around school. Please encourage your child to think about becoming a councillor and having a voice in school matters.

Traffic

I am having ongoing conversations with Jane Slater, our Local Authority Councillor, regarding the traffic problems we are encountering. It seems that this is a problem shared by the other schools in the area and because of this we will be working together to try to ease the situation.

Thank you to all those parents who have been working with us to ease the congestion at the end of the school day and who have been adhering to the markings on the road.

KS1 Children

Please can the KS1 children be taken to the allocated door by a parent or guardian, when they arrive in school. Some children have been getting upset when they have been dropped off at the gate and have made their own way around the side of the building. May I remind parents that school starts at 9am and the doors will shut at 9.10am. Children arriving late are missing out on registration and the start of the school day procedures.

Class 12 Assembly

Today Class 12 lead their assembly on Our Lady of Walsingham. It was a wonderful assembly that gave us a lot to think about. It was made even more special as it was the first class assembly for a long time AND we were able to welcome the parents into school to celebrate with us. Thank you to the staff and pupils of class 12!

Next week

<u>Week 6</u>	
Monday 4 th Oct	
Tuesday 5 th Oct	Archery 12:30pm -1:15pm Year 6 St. Antony's all day
Wednesday 6 th Oct	
Thursday 7 th Oct	Poetry Day Themed Dinner Day (Space Day)
Friday 8 th Oct	
Saturday 9 th Oct	Holy Communion 10:30am
Sunday 10 th Oct	World Mental Health Day

World Mental Health Day

On the run up to World Mental Health Day on Sunday 10th October, the children will be taking part in various assemblies and activities throughout the week.

School Dinners

On Thursday 7th October we are having a Space Day themed dinner.

The mains are: Planet Meatball Sub with marinara sauce & cheese, cheese pin wheel, wrap (choice of fillings), fresh jacket potato (choice of fillings).

The sides are: Chipped potato wedges, corn cobettes, Big Bang Broccoli, side salad.

The desserts are: Chocolate marbled Galaxy sponge, Shooting star jelly, Full moon fruit, Starburst jelly.

Please make sure you pre-order your child's school meals in order for them to receive the meal of their choice. If you are having any problems, please contact the office.

We have been notified that parents do not have the option of writing dietary comments when they log into School Grid. Please contact the office to ensure your comments are added. We do not serve Halal, in which case you may prefer us to just add Vegetarian to the comments instead.

Photographs

Your child will have had their photographs taken yesterday by our new photographers. Please let us know any feedback – good or bad!

Thanks you for your continued support,

Mrs Noctor