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In every community, there is work to be done. In every nation, there are wounds to heal. In every heart, there is the power to do it.

Dear Parents/Carers

What a term we have had, so many wonderful events to celebrate from sporting successes to curriculum enrichment events in the form of Young Voices and the pantomime at the hippodrome in Birmingham for KS2. This is on top of the great learning that takes place on a day to day basis here at St Joseph's. I daily witness children excited to learn and rushing to their classes with smiles on their faces. Only this week excited Year 3 children were donning their wellies and waterproofs to go up to woodland warriors

We are proud of our children and rightly so. We have very clear expectations of behaviour and that isn't only for the children, as a staff we have a code of conduct by which we pledge to be the best role models we can be, living out the Catholic mission of the school.

It saddens me however when the high expectations of behaviour and attitudes we have of our children and staff in school is not reflected in the behaviour of a minority of parents. Just recently I have had to deal with reports of unacceptable conduct on school grounds by parents. Only last year our Parent Partnership shared with you a parental code of conduct – drawn up by parents for parents. This is on the school website in Policies under Safeguarding. This states the agreed expectations of behaviour when in and on school grounds. We also have a policy to help us to deal with those parents who breach this code; this is to protect you and, in extreme circumstances, allows me to ban any persistently unruly parents from the school site.

I do not like to have to write to you about this but when celebrating so many positive events in school, they are marred by parental disputes. I just ask that we all work together to model the right behaviour for our children.

Many of you will have received attendance letters from Babcock International. In many cases, these have been sent without circumstances being considered and for that, I apologise. Rest assured that as a school we will be speaking with Babcock and reviewing our letters to ensure a more personal approach.

Finally, and on a more positive note, today in assembly Oliver Tindell and Esme Greensall from Year 5 shared with the children today their planned cake sale and 'odd shoes day' in aid of Regency High School where Oliver's sister is a pupil. You may have seen Oliver on the ITV central news speaking as a young carer – what an ambassador for vocation he is and an inspiration to us all. The cake sale will take place next Friday 14th February both at lunchtime and after school, in the KS2 playground under the canopy. Any cake donations can be given to class teachers. Thank you for your kindness in advance.

The final newsletter of the term will be out next week but a reminder for you all, KS1 Golden Certificate assembly is next Thursday 13th February at 2.45pm and KS2 is on Friday 14th at 9.15am. We look forward to seeing many of you then.

Yours in faith and partnership

Mrs Louise Bury
Headteacher

