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Dear Parents,

### **Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day**

Today we celebrated the Feast of our Lady of Lourdes together as a whole school community to remember our Parish on this special day.

### **Non-Uniform day**

Thank you to everyone who wore blue today and contributed towards the Catholic Hardship fund for St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Multi Academy Trust. This fund will be used to ensure children are able to have opportunities such as visiting The Briars or experiencing a Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

### **Internet Safety**

This week we have focussed on how we can keep ourselves safe online, how to be digital citizens and also how to protect others. This has included thinking about how we communicate with others and how some comments could be upsetting or offensive. As always, we have encouraged children to always speak to an adult if they have any concerns or online issues.

### **Gymnastics Competition**

Well done to our 2 gymnastic teams who competed at the North West Leicestershire School Sports Partnership tournament on Wednesday. We were so proud of how hard they worked and they were a credit to St Charles!



### **School Trips**

We were so happy to be able to resume our school trips this week. Key Stage 2 had a wonderful day at Beaumanor Hall reinforcing their knowledge of World War 2 and experiencing what it would have been like during this period. Classes 1 and 2 had an exciting trip to Wing Wah where they sampled some Chinese food and watched an authentic Chinese Dragon dance. Thank you to all of the staff and our wonderful helpers who fully embraced both trips!

### **Opening of Measham Church**

Father Peter is going to be opening St Charles, Measham Church again for Mass. He is currently consulting on this and would like members of our parish to write to him to express their preference for Mass times which are to be 8 am or 12 pm on Sunday's and the trial will run until July. The future of the church is under threat of closure so your support is very much appreciated.

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## First Holy Communion

If you would like your child to take part in the First Holy Communion programme you will need to collect a form from the back of Our Lady of Lourdes Church and give this to Father Peter by 27<sup>th</sup> February. There will be a need to attend Mass and commit to the additional preparation sessions.

## Attendance

Congratulations to Classes 2 and 3 who have the highest attendance this week of 98%. As a school our attendance is currently 96.6% After the disruptions of the past 2 years it is really important to ensure our children are in school as often as possible to ensure consistency in their education.

## Reflection:

Today we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and are reminded of her apparition to St Bernadette.

Hail Mary Full of Grace  
The Lord is with thee  
Blessed art thou among women  
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus  
Holy Mary, Mother of God  
Pray for us now, and at the hour of our death  
Amen

May the light of Christ shine upon you,

Mrs Elmore



Date	Time	Event
<b>Half term</b>		
Week beg 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Parents evenings by phonecall – days will be allocated to each class	
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Forest School	Class 1
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Forest School	Class 3
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Forest School	Class 2
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Forest School	Class 4 and 5
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	World Book day	
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 6 – Orienteering Event	
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Break up for Easter	