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Dear Parents and Carers,

How are we in November already? It was great to see all the fun that our Year 5 and 6 children have had at Beaumanor Hall last week during their residential. We were given such a warm welcome to St Patrick's Primary school last week when some children from Class 4 joined them for their Diwali Celebrations. We look forward to St Patrick's visiting our school in the future.



Then Key Stage 2 started this week with a bang or should I say some Bhangra dancing on their Faith Walk trip. Thank you to Mrs Southall who arranged such a fantastic day; the children were a credit to the school and learnt so much. We were so warmly welcomed to the communities we visited.

Well done to our Year 5 / 6 boys football team who had a great win over New Swannington Primary School this week. Fingers crossed for another successful game next week against Willesley Primary School.

### Catholic Life Groups

As you know, all of our classes are a different Catholic Life group for our school. This role enables them to be leaders; help others and understand Catholic Social Teachings better. During a child's time at St Charles, they get to be part of all 5 of the different groups. To help launch our Catholic Life groups again this year, we would like to invite you into school to celebrate collective worships led by the children. Please see dates for each class below:

Catholic Life Group:	Class:	Date:
Global Goliaths	2	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November
Chaplaincy Team & ACN Apostles	5	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November
Eco Warriors	4	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
Cafod Crew	1	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
Mini Vinnies	3	Date to be confirmed due to working with St Vincent De Paul charity.

### **Reminder: Friends of St Charles PTA – we desperately need your help!**

A really kind (and desperate) plea that at the next Annual General Meeting (AGM) we will be needing a new chair (or co chairs) and a new secretary; if these roles are not filled at the AGM meeting then unfortunately the PTA linked to St Charles will cease to continue. Therefore, I am asking as many parents as possible to please attend the next AGM meeting on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30pm** and consider if you are able to take on any of the roles I have mentioned. If you would like information on what the different roles involve, I am happy to explain.



### **Arbor**

Our Trust are still ironing out some issues with Arbor especially around parents paying for trips. We do ask though that school trips are paid for in advance of the trip as this is now the way you give permission for your child to attend. On Arbor you press a link to confirm permission for a school trip and then the next stage takes you to payment. Any problems, please contact the school office.

### **Long hair**

Please can we ensure that all long hair is tied up, this ensures that hair isn't causing a distraction to learning by being in children's faces and of course, prevents the spread of head lice.

### **First Holy Communion**

Father Andrew has informed me that an initial date of Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025 has been proposed for this year's cohort for First Holy Communion at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Ashby.

### **Attendance**

The class with the highest attendance this 96.3%. Polite reminder that every school day matters, please do all you can to ensure that your child is in school everyday and has an attendance percentage above 95%. The children are still earning stamps for the Christmas Attendance Market on the last morning of term.

Good luck to everyone attending our FOSC Chocolate Bingo event later today – get those dabbers at the ready!

Mrs Knight  
Head Teacher

