



From St Oscar Romero...

"Human beings are more children of God when they become more brotherly or sisterly to other human beings, and less children of God when they feel less kinship with their neighbours"



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It has been a busy half term and I wish all families a good rest over the half term break as we have a slightly longer half term ahead of us before the Christmas holidays.

## Harvest Mass



Thank you to all who came to celebrate the Harvest Mass and the Feast of St Francis with us. We had a wonderful turnout and it was a warm welcome for Fr Tom who said Mass for us. Thank you to you all for your generosity- we sent several large boxes of produce to our local foodbank, Storehouse.

## World Homeless Day

During our whole school worship we learnt about how some people live with very little and sometimes don't have a home to return to at the end of the day. It is startling to know that there has been a 165% rise in rough sleeping in the UK since 2010. We thought about the dignity of each person in our worship and how acknowledging a homeless person with a smile can make their difficult life just a little more bearable. Thank you for all of your generous donations this week which will be donated to local homeless causes and added to the shoeboxes for the Rotary Club.

### **Open Evening**

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November, each class teacher will be hosting an open evening in their classroom from 3.30-5.00pm. This is an opportunity to visit your child's learning environment; to listen to a short presentation from the teacher about the learning taking place and to look at your child's work. General questions can be asked and I will be available to address any specific issues that you may have. We plan to make this a termly event.

### **Communication**

Class Dojo is an effective way for parents and teachers to communicate and we welcome parents to use this facility to pass on short notes to the class teachers. Please note that times outside of 8-4pm are set as quiet times and this will also be the case on the school Facebook Page. We cannot guarantee a response time so if your enquiry is of an urgent nature we would ask you to call the school office. I would also like to ask that parents direct any enquiries to me through the school office only. The office staff will be happy to make an appointment for you to see me at a mutually convenient time. Class Dojo will be the primary means of communication going forward so please request a code if you have not done so already.

### **Term Time Holidays**

A number of families request to take children on holiday during term time. Please note that term time holidays will not be authorised and if a term time holiday exceeds 5 days then the Local Authority have the power to issue a Penalty Notice. The term dates for the new academic year are on the school website which gives all families the ability to plan well in advance.

### **Late arrivals to school**

If your child is late to school (after 8.50am), please accompany your child to the school office and provide a reason for their late arrival. All late arrivals and the reasons for them are formally recorded. As you know, punctuality is just as important as good attendance.

### **PTA**

The PTA AGM is on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 6.30pm. All parents are welcome.

### **Praying the Rosary**

October is a month which is dedicated to Mary and I invite you to pray the rosary with your children at home. This helpful video created by the NDCYS (Nottingham Diocesan Catholic Youth Service) explains how to pray the rosary in an easy to follow way. <https://ndcys.com/how-to-pray-the-rosary/>

**God Bless**



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