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Dear Parents,

Thank you and Merry Christmas

May I, on behalf of the staff, thank you for all your support during the year and for the many presents the children have brought in over the last few weeks for staff members. Thanks also for your attendance at our plays and carol concert.

We wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Christmas Mass Times at our Parish Church

St Augustine's, Langcliffe Drive, Heelands, Milton Keynes, MK13 7PL

Here are details of Christmas Mass times for our school Parish Church.

Friday 22nd December 7.30pm - Service of Reconciliation (with opportunity for individual confession)

Sunday 24th December - Fourth Sunday of Advent - 10am Mass only

Christmas Eve - 11pm Mass

Christmas Day - 9am Mass, 11am Mass, No Evening Mass

Compare School Performance website

I have had a couple of questions from parents about our placings on the recently updated website <https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk> . This site contains information on last year's end of Key Stage 2 SATS results and allows you to compare school performance, including by local authority. It contains the information which used to often be called 'school league tables'.

For your information, our end of 2016 Year 6 results put us in the top third of primary schools in Milton Keynes in terms of pupils achieving the nationally expected standard in English and Maths and put us just one place outside the top 10% of MK schools in terms of children achieving the higher standard in those subjects which was particularly pleasing. Well done to those children and teachers but also to you, the families, for supporting the children throughout their time with us.

Reminder of School Closure procedures

Thank you for your patience with us when we had to close the school due to snow/ice a couple of weeks ago. It is our intention to keep the school open wherever possible, subject to staff being able to attend.

Although the procedures seemed to work well recently, here is a reminder of how you can find out about school closures:-

In the event of school closure, we will use the Milton Keynes Council school closure website.

www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/closures

This website will indicate which MK schools are closed for the day. School closure information will be posted on that website as soon as we are able to reach a decision. We are informed that, if we announce closure on the MK website, they will inform Heart FM (103.3 FM) and BBC 3 Counties (104.5 FM). We will also aim to have the school office open from 8.00am – 8.30am so you can check by telephone. We will also put a message on the front page of our website at www.st-monicas.co.uk if the school is to be closed.

Please use the following link and you will also be able to sign up for e-mail and text alerts about school closures on this site. This service works well.

www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/Closures/Subscribe

If the school remains open, I would ask that you please make every effort to ensure that your child is present.

School re-opens on Wednesday, 3rd January, 2018

School re-opens on Wednesday, 3rd January at the usual time. We look forward to seeing you and the children then.

All the best for Christmas and the New Year,

Yours sincerely,

Mr O'Malley
Headteacher