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Dear Parents,

You may have noticed that I have not been visible in school this week; I asked the Chair and Vice Chair of governors if I could do some work from home and therefore have not been in school. It has been an incredibly challenging 15 months and I am very proud of the way that we have managed this horrible situation. The staff have been wonderful and I believe we have done all that we can to support your child/children.

I have to admit to being very tired and know that a lot of you feel the same, I hope that the half term can give us all a little bit of time to take a deep breath before we dive in to the final half term of this academic year. My apologies if I hadn't been able to attend a meeting or respond to queries and concerns; however Mr Wilson, Mrs Hodson and Mr Gallagher have been doing a fantastic job and I have been in regular contact.

Year 3

Congratulations to the children of Year 3 who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation at Corpus Christi Church; Mr O'Rourke, Ms Gardner and Mr Gallagher were very proud of the children and we know that they are now getting more prepared for the Sacrament of Holy Communion in June.

Congratulations to: **Tina, Max, Oakley, James, Julian, Ella, Tommy-Joe, Ethan, Fabian, Olli, Abigail, Raphael, Thomas, Finn, Riley and Nicole.**

Sacramental Meetings and Celebrations

Year 7 Confirmation meeting (last year's Year 6) - 21st June 2021 at 4:30pm at Corpus Christi Church

Year 7 Confirmation - Thursday 24th June 2021 at 6:00pm at Corpus Christi Church

Year 3 First Holy Communion meeting - Thursday 10th June at 5:00pm at Corpus Christi Church

Year 3 First Holy Communion - Saturday 26th June at 10:00am at Corpus Christi Church

Year 6 Confirmation meeting - Thursday 1st July at 5:00pm at Corpus Christi Church

Year 6 Confirmation - Friday 16th July at 6:00pm at Corpus Christi Church

Swimming next half term

We have decided that Year 6 will continue with their swimming lessons next half term; it is a requirement of the national curriculum that all children should be able to swim 25 metres by the end of Year 6. Around 58% of the Year 6's can swim 25 metres or more but we would like to see





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if we can get more children to that point by the end of the year.

Year 4 will start swimming on Monday 5th June, so will need their swimming kits in school on the first day back - please remember no long swimming shorts or no bikinis!

New Reception Class Meeting - September 2021

Tuesday 6th July at 9:15am in the school hall

New Nursery Class Meeting - September 2021

Wednesday 7th July at 9:15am in the school hall

Year 6 Leavers Assembly - 20th July at 9:15am - parents only

Please be aware that whether we are holding a meeting in the church or the school hall we ask adults to sanitise their hands when they enter, sit socially distanced and wear masks. I also have to say that if the local or national covid measures are changed in the future then we will have to change how we present the meetings. I will keep you fully informed.

'Back to normal' vs 'the new normal'

The senior team and I have been discussing the next academic year; in the next half term all staff will be looking at next year as well. As a school community we need to decide together what we want to see 'brought back' and things that we have introduced that we want to 'keep'. In this strange time we have found that some things have worked well, such as the new opening and closing times; we also miss community celebrations greatly.

I will be sending out a questionnaire next half term to you to see what your thoughts are on what you would like to keep and what you would like to see brought back.

All of this is providing national guidance changes and the covid vaccine programme proves to be successful against different strains!

I hope that you all have a lovely week and I look forward to seeing you on Monday 7th June, hopefully with the sun shining as we face the next half term together.

Yours Sincerely
Mrs Hobbs





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