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Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe we have already completed half of this academic year. This half term has been busy, but filled with learning opportunities, many of which have taken place outside the classroom. At STJHV, we are always thinking about how we develop children holistically. We have had a number of enrichment experiences this half term, including music and drama workshops, storytelling, and a number of trips to museums, among many others.

Ash Wednesday

On Wednesday, 25th February, we will be going to Christ Church at 2pm for the Ash Wednesday service. As this falls during the half-term break, we would like the children to have a good understanding of Ash Wednesday and its importance to Christians. You are very welcome to come and join us.

Online safety

As part of Online Safety Week, we would like to remind parents of the importance of keeping children safe online, especially with half-term approaching. During the holidays, children may spend more time using devices for games, social media and online videos. Please ensure parental controls are set up on all devices, check that privacy settings are secure, and regularly talk to your child about who they are communicating with online. Encourage them to speak to you if anything makes them feel worried or uncomfortable. Working together, we can help children develop safe and responsible online habits.

Attendance and Punctuality Reminder

We look forward to welcoming all children back to school on the first day after the half term break. It is very important that children return on time so they do not miss valuable learning, as every day in school supports their progress, confidence and connection with their class. Returning promptly also helps children settle back into routines alongside their friends. Please note that taking an additional day for a holiday is not authorised unless there is an exceptional and valid reason. We appreciate your support in ensuring your child attends school regularly and on time.

Over the half term, Lent will begin, which is a very important time in the Christian calendar. Ramadan will also begin during this period. As this is a special and holy time for many of our community, I hope it brings peace, love and joy to all.

Thank you for your support and for the kindness you show to the staff and me. This is a truly wonderful school, filled with love, hope and forgiveness.





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Have a wonderful half-term, and I look forward to seeing you on Monday 23rd February.

With thanks,

Ms Khan

Head of School

Key dates for next half term

Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February – Half term

Wednesday 25th February – Friday 27th February – Y5 PGL

Wednesday 25th February – Y3 Come Dine with me event – 11:45am

Wednesday 25th February - Ash Wednesday service - 2pm at Christ church

Thursday 26th February - Book fair

Friday 27th February - Stay and Play session (9:15am)

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day

Friday 6th March – Reception Class Assembly – 2:50pm

Wednesday 11th March – Careers Day Y4-Y6

Thursday 12th March – Mothering Sunday lunch EYFS and KS1 – 12:00pm – 1:00pm

Friday 13th March - RE enrichment day

Friday 13th March – Mothering Sunday lunch KS2 – 12:30pm – 1:30pm

Tuesday 17th March – Choir to Prom Praise

Friday 20th March – Y1 Class Assembly – 2:50pm

Thursday 26th March – Easter Service – 2:00pm

Friday 27th March – Easter Bonnet Parade 1:00pm

Friday 27th March – End of term – 1.30pm

