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Mission Statement “We are special people on a journey, growing and learning together in search of excellence, as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus.”

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Dear Parents,

I hope you had a restful half term. We have a busy term ahead, Mrs Moore our English Coordinator and the Parents’ Fundraising group are planning World Book Day activities (details will follow soon) and we will present the Easter Reflection on Tuesday 26th March at 2:15pm in school.

This is the season of Lent when we fast, pray and give to charity. Pope Francis has asked that we take time to pray more during Lent as we prepare for Easter. Please make time to pray with your children and help them to learn the traditional prayers of the church and responses and prayers of the Mass.

At assembly today we introduced pupils to the ‘Lent Mission Calendar’ which is part of the Lent display in the hall. I suggested that pupils could ‘fast’ from playing in the playground at 8:50 am and go to the hall to ‘pray’ and carry out the ‘mission’ from the calendar. Parents are very welcome to join your children in this act of prayer should you wish.

Year 4 welcomed Sr Nasreen from English Martyrs Church and were very interested in her story of how and why she chose her vocation as a Sister of the Holy Family Order as they are learning about people who serve in our local church. Sr Nazreen has agreed to support us with aspects of our Catholic life and mission and prayer and worship. Next Friday she will meet Year 3 and 4 in Church at 10am to pray the Stations of the Cross. Parents are welcome to come along. She will also support Fr Alex teaching Years 2 and 3 about The Eucharist and The Mass. Parents are the first teachers of their children and they will learn more from you through active participation in prayer and worship. We will invite you to join your children in these prayer opportunities.

Mrs Ross has enjoyed her first week with the Year 1 class. I must apologise that I failed to mention she is currently unable to work on Monday and that Mrs De La Cruz will teach the class on Monday morning and they will have Music and Mrs Donn on Monday afternoon.

Thank you for your contribution to the RHSE Consultation. Next week Mrs Moore will send you information about the key decisions made following the consultation and which Year groups they will be taught to.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Miss B Nugent