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Dear Parents/Carers

St. Mary's Church of England Primary and Nursery Academy Handsworth

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Thought for the Week

'Above all, love each other deeply because love covers a multitude of sins
1 Peter 4:8

Class 1/2C Assembly

Well done to class 1/2C for an outstanding assembly this morning. Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended. The children all performed to an exceptional standard. They danced, sang, acted and read beautifully. They also made a wonderful video. It was super to see so many parents who really enjoyed themselves. Thank you to Miss Cammish and all her helpers for making this morning's assembly such a success.

Parent Association Valentine's Disco

Thank you to all the Parents who organised and attended the disco last night. It was clearly an enjoyable event and we hope to see many more events. The next Parent Association meeting is on 3 March 2015 in the school bungalow at 3:30pm. All parents are most welcome .

Family Learning Course Information

The children, and their parents, who took part in the paper-craft family learning sessions this half term have enjoyed the activity immensely. We are therefore pleased that we have been able to secure a further 6 weeks which will continue after half term.

Celebration Assembly

The following children will receive certificates for good work and behaviour in Celebration Assembly on Monday 23 February 2015. All Parents/Carers are welcome to attend. If Parents/Carers do attend could I please ask them to stay until the service finishes. This demonstrates to all the children that the entire service is valued by Parents/ Carers. Thank you for your support.

Zaina Nursery For excellent cutting skills and independently cutting along the lines to make a Chinese lantern	Neelkanth RW For always trying his best all of the time in all area of his work	Anaya RM For making brilliant progress in her writing an a positive attitude towards her learning
Jelani Year 1 For writing a super poem independently and improving his presentation	The Whole Class 1/2C For a fantastic class assembly	Zaenab 2L For working hard all half term to improve her Literacy and reading
Aliza 3J For creating a beautiful pattern in the style of 'The Singh Twins'	Keiyha 3/4S For a fantastic effort in all areas, making good progress	Zara 4B For growing in confidence in her work
Humairaaa 5B For excellent Maths work on 3D shapes	Ella 5/6SS For having more confidence in her own abilities and working independently	J'leol 6W For working hard in all lessons

Kind and Thoughtful Person

The following children will receive the 'Kind and Thoughtful' certificate and care of a cuddly dog. The award will be presented in Celebration Assembly on Monday 23 February 2015. The lucky children will also have fruit and milk with Mrs Packer in her office.



KS1	KS2
Ramandeep For helping children learn their lines	Nathan For helping a child clean up her fruit when it fell on the stairs



Weekly Certificates

Lining Up	RM
Spick and Span	RW
Movement Bird	Year 1
Gymnastic Monkey	2L
Attendance	RM & 1/2C
Dinnertime	Yummy Bear goes to 4B Runners up RM

School Closure in Extreme Weather Conditions reminder

In the event of inclement weather conditions, announcements will be made between 6:45am and 9:00am on the following radio stations: Heart FM, Radio WM and BRMB. Parents will also be advised by text message so it is important that we have your current telephone number.

Mobile Phones reminder

For Health and Safety reasons can I please ask all parents/carers not to use their mobile phone within the school building. Thank you for your support.

Safety online reminder

Could parents please, please supervise children when using the internet at home either on the computer, mobile phone or any other electronic device that can access the internet. We are doing everything that we can in school to ensure that our children are safe and constantly remind the children about e-safety. Following the tips listed below will help your child stay safe online.

- Have family rules about how the internet will be used at home and be clear about what information is safe to share online
- Discuss rules about communicating online with friends
- Make sure you know what your children are doing online, much like you would in 'real' life and use parental controls (on computers, mobile phones and game consoles) to help you. Remember that these cannot always be 100% effective
- Make sure that your children are aware that people or websites can lie online
- Make sure your child understands that online actions can have offline consequences

Attendance and Punctuality

Please support us in continuing to improve our attendance and punctuality by encouraging your children to come to school and be on time every day.

Term Dates

Half Term Holidays	Children break up on Friday 13 February 2015 and return to school on Monday 23 February 2015
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Have a lovely half term break

Yours sincerely

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