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Dear Parents / Carers, What a great start to the term!

First Aid

The First Aid training for all the children was a huge success, with the trainer commenting "I must say I was very impressed with your children, they were attentive, well behaved and clearly wanted to learn. The children were eager to share their stories whilst being confident enough to ask questions." He left us with one challenge: **every child should be able to clearly state their complete address**, so that if they did have to report a real emergency at home, they would know where they live! Please help us to meet this challenge.

Rights Respecting School

Our next project is to become a 'Rights Respecting School.' The children will be attending assemblies, led by Mrs McDowall, so that they begin to understand the rights of children everywhere. This week they will learn about World Education Day. They will know that every child should be able to go to school but that there are today, 258 million children who are denied this basic right.

Playtime

We have responded to the children's request for some quieter activities at playtime. We now have Lego stations, colouring and reading alongside organised games and dancing. We would welcome donations of dolls, teddies and toy cars, in good condition. Please bring these to the office. With your help, we can make playtimes even better!

Catholic Life

We will be inviting you to join your child's class at the end of the day for Collective Worship. These daily prayer sessions are planned by the children and it is wonderful to be able to share this special time with parents and carers. All are welcome, babies included, so just pop in when you see the dates on your homework sheet.

Multi-faith Week

This week the children will be learning about different faiths. This is a wonderful opportunity to foster harmony and celebrate living in a diverse world.

Children's Mental Health Week 3-9 February

Mrs Talbot will be leading the children through a series of activities to develop positive mental health under the theme 'Find Your Brave.'

And so we pray,

Extracts from Prayer for Peace: One Family

by Diana Ng-Sutherland

Lord God,

Father of all, We, your children, are all members of the same human family, your family. Help us to accept your peace, to be at peace with ourselves and to live in peace with others. Help us to seek wisdom and justice in all we do: to be ready to forgive when wronged, to be willing to love when hurt and to strive for harmony and peace. Eternal Father, in your mercy, hear our prayer and grant us your everlasting peace.

Amen.

Warm wishes, OLOP Team