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Dear Parents/Carers

Just one more week until half term! Time seems to have flown by. We finish next Friday 28th and return on Tuesday 8th June. Please note Monday 7th June is an INSET day and school is closed to all pupils.

When visiting classes this week I have been impressed with the pupils work across the curriculum - they are working so hard. I continue to be impressed by the children's good manners around school. I had a lovely treat on Thursday morning watching Years 3 and 4s dance routines- they were brilliant.

I hope you have enjoyed sharing in some of our activities through our Facebook posts. Please take a look at Reception Classes topic Assembly on the website- it is brilliant! Well done Reception Class!

In our virtual whole school assembly this week we heard about St Joseph. As you may know Pope Francis had dedicate this year to the Year of St Joseph. In our assembly we heard about a special devotion to St Joseph which Pope Francis has helped to make more well known. Pope Francis has a statue of a sleeping St Joseph. In the Bible it is when St Joseph is sleeping that he hears the message of God. What Pope Francis says we can do is place prayers under the sleeping statue of St Joseph that contain any requests or prayer intentions- things or people we want to pray for.

It is like inviting St Joseph to sleep on it and put in a word to God to solve difficult situations and help the needy renewing this role as the protector of the Church.

We have two new statues of the sleeping St Joseph in School and each class has a version on their prayer table. We are encouraging the children to put prayers under the statue. Maybe ask your child to tell you about this.

We do have a couple of spaces available for Nursery and Reception for September 2021. Please promote our lovely school with your family and friends. If you know anyone who is looking for a Nursery or Reception place for their child in September please ask them to contact school. Farlea offer nursery provision in the afternoons for children aged 2 years.

I know some of you had concerns this week following information sent out regarding the provisional arrangements for First Holy Communion. We are planning for the worst case

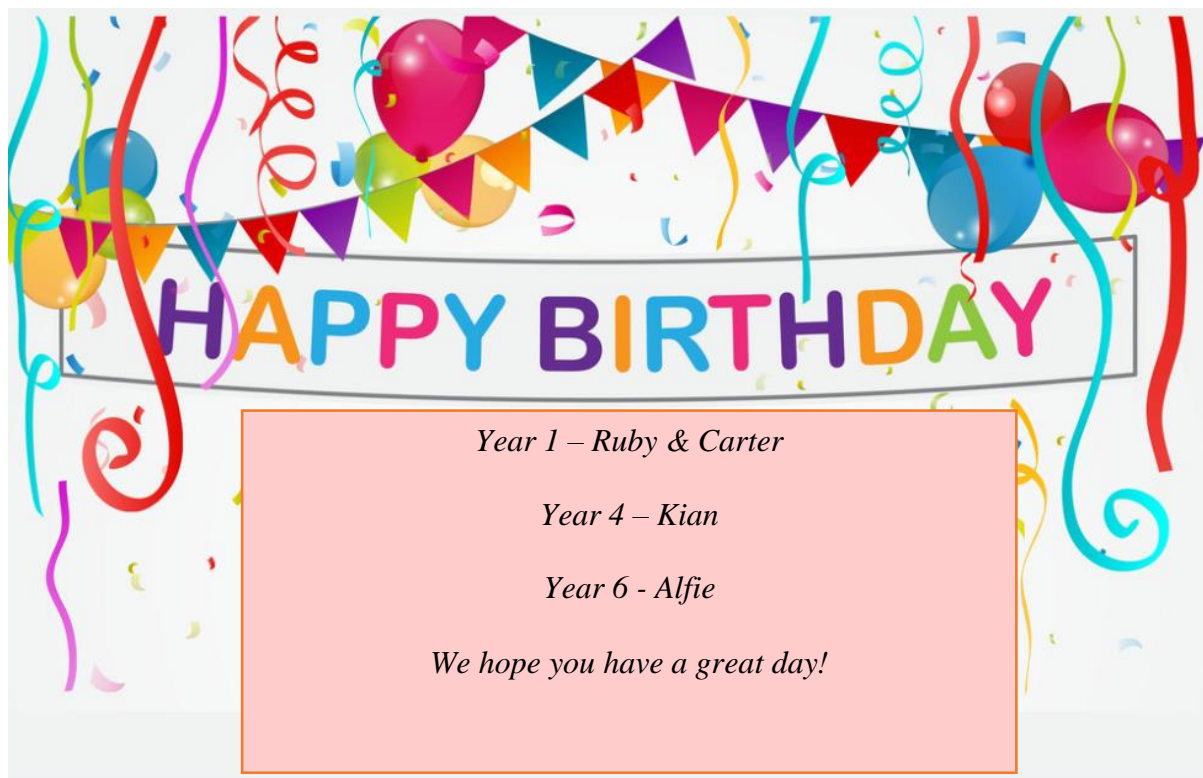
scenario but hoping for the best and that by 3rd July all restrictions will be lifted and more family members can attend. Many thanks for your patience and understanding regarding this.

The Easter season is now drawing to a close as we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost this Sunday. This is the feast of the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church and is regarded as the birthday of the church, and the start of the church's mission to the world. In this Sunday's Gospel, the risen Jesus offers his disciples the Holy Spirit and inner peace.

"Let us pray for peace: peace in the world and in each of our hearts. We can all be builders of peace." Pope Francis

I hope you all have a great weekend especially if you are meeting up with those people who you have been missing over the last few months. It is still important to be cautious and follow the Government advice. Let's celebrate the lives we have and look forward to the days ahead.

Yours sincerely
Mrs Corbett
Headteacher



"To inspire, to learn, to love with God"

