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Dear Parents / Guardians,

We very much hope you have had a peaceful and restful Christmas holiday. We would like to thank all those who attended our Harvest Festival services; Nativity Plays and the Key Stage Two Carol Service last term. The size of each congregation and the fact that we must repeat events to accommodate all those who wish to attend demonstrates the strength of our school community.

We began our Jubilee Year of Hope with a beautiful Epiphany Assembly led by Mrs McDonnell in the school hall which was attended by Neil Peixoto who was overjoyed to welcome our twenty-two new chaplains from Lower Key Stage 2 to our Chaplaincy Team. Neil spoke to the children about his journey as a trainee priest and how it feels to start a journey as a leader of faith. He shook hands with each of our new chaplains to formally congratulate them on their successful application to become a chaplain in our school. Our new chaplains will be involved in leading prayer in Key Stage One and creating artefacts for sale to raise money for Emmaus and CAFOD this year as part of our Year of Hope fundraising plans.

Following this, Neil and Mrs McDonnell opened the Door of Hope in our school hall and the entire Chaplaincy Team walked through and into their journey as leaders of faith in our school this year.

Today we enjoyed a beautiful start of term Mass with Father Tom in church. The children’s behaviour was impeccable.

Throughout the term, each class will play a part in leading a Mass in church on a Wednesday as occurred in the autumn term. Class 2 will begin this term’s rota on Wednesday 15th January at 9:30 am.

We continue to be amazed at the enthusiasm of our pupils in leading Child Led Prayer on a Tuesday afternoon. Every week children in Key Stage Two excitedly volunteer their own time to prepare and lead sessions in Key Stage One – it is a very heartwarming event each week.

This year, we have decided to sign up for the CAFOD Live Simply Award. Many of the initiatives link to our Year of Hope plans.

Please feel free to keep up with events throughout the year by regularly visiting the RE area on our website. If you would like to find out more about our plans for the Jubilee Year of Hope, we have a Catholic Social Teaching Pilgrims of Hope page. You can find a copy of our Live Simply pledge and yearly planner on the Live Simply Award page which will chronicle our progress. The RE Catholic Life and News page is constantly being updated with pictures and reports from school and church.

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We are indeed full of hope for this new year and are looking forward to seeing you and sharing this year’s journey in faith with you.

Kind Regards,

The RE Leadership Team