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HALF TERM - Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October

**WEEK TWO (RED)**

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| Tuesday 31st October | A Level Art Trip @ London  
|                    | U15 Hockey v Tring (A)                                   |
| Wednesday 1st October | Feast of All Saints Mass @ 1.30pm St Mark’s Church  
|                    | Year 8 (B) Netball v Hemel (H)                           |
| Thursday 2nd October | Year 9 Basketball v Ashlyns (H)                         
|                    | Year 8 Rugby v Ashlyns                                   |

**WEEK ONE (GREEN)**

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**THEME OF THE WEEK: Harvest**

**SECONDARY TRANSFER APPLICATIONS**

A reminder that any Year 6 parents wishing to apply to JFK should submit the Local Authority (Herts/Central Beds/Luton/Bucks) application form and in addition return completed JFK Supplementary Information Forms to the school by 31st October 2017.

**NEWS FROM THE BRIDGE**

This week the students watched a TED talk by Chris Hadfield. Chris is an astronaut and on a spacewalk suddenly found himself blind in one eye and then he lost the sight in the other eye. He had to use his training and think about how he could overcome this problem to make it safely back to the shuttle. He explained about every day obstacles and how with the right mind set they can be overcome.

Please encourage your child to use the half term holiday to go through their class notes to help consolidate knowledge of what they have been learning in their first half term.

Year 13 students need to complete work on their personal statement and please can they bring a copy of this with them when they return to school to give to their form tutors. Please also ensure that they have completed their online UCAS application.

A letter regarding the 6th Form dress code has been emailed out to all parents this week. Please contact the 6th Form office if you have any questions.
FEAST OF ALL SAINTS
Fr Kim will be leading Mass on Wednesday 1st November at lunchtime in St Marks’ Church for the school community.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION QUESTIONNAIRE
All parents/carers will have received a SIMS In-Touch message this week with a hyperlink to a Google questionnaire. As a Catholic school we are required to feedback parental views to the Diocese of Westminster. We would welcome your feedback by completing this at your earliest convenience.

NETBALL
Last Friday the Year 9A and B teams travelled to Berkhamsted and against very good opposition played some competitive netball. The A’s picked up an early injury which was a shame but with Isabella Tagg voted MVP, they rallied hard with the final score 18-11. The B’s game stayed very close all the way through, with scores tied at three quarter time. However the ever improving team dug deep and with MVP Lauren Jarvis on target came out victorious 16-13. A fantastic result for the B team who still remain unbeaten.

On Monday the A teams in Year 8 and 9 faced Longdean in the league. Unfortunately the 8s were missing Kitty Burman through injury and found the opposition a little too strong again, losing 12-7. Debutante Aoife Ward was awarded MVP. The Year 9s took a little time to get going but played some lovely netball in the second half and ended up comfortable 25-9 winners. Isabella was once again voted MVP.

The Year 8B team were unlucky to face a very strong and very tall Tring side in the first round of the District Cup on Tuesday. Their heads never dropped however and managed to score a couple of hard fought goals. MVP went to the hard working Maeve Laste. The only bad news is that does mean that the A and B teams will now meet each other in the next round!

GYM AND DANCE
All performers should now have received a letter outlining the details for Gym and Dance 2017 and have priority in applying for tickets. Tickets are available from Student Services and will be available for the whole school community after half-term. Tickets will be sold on a first come, first serve basis, so please order early if you have a special wish to come on the evenings of either Wednesday (15th November) or Thursday (16th November).

CIARA MCKENNA 11N
Ciara has been selected to train with the Down Syndrome GB squad. She hopes to represent GB internationally in the future, at the European and World Down Syndrome swimming championships. Congratulations Ciara.
JFK GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS 2017-18
The JFK Governors are beginning to plan a number of events to celebrate our Golden Jubilee. We are looking for past governors, staff and students, particularly from the early days of the school to ‘like and share’ our Facebook page (search @jfk50). We are also looking for photographs and memories that span the 50 years which could be posted on our page or sent into school for the attention of the Governors.

SAVE THE DATE
The dates for the anniversary reunions have now been advertised on our Facebook page. Former students and former members of staff from the following decades are invited to revisit JFK on the dates detailed below:


However, all three events are open to former members of the school community.
Tickets are also available to purchase via Ms E Final, PA to Headteacher.
We are very much looking forward to meeting up with students and staff from the last 50 years.

OCTOBERS BOOK OF THE MONTH : The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes
This month, students from Year 7 upwards might like to give Arthur Conan Doyle’s classic collection of stories a go. Published 125 years ago this month, it’s the first collection of stories featuring the famous detective and his sidekick, Doctor Watson. Fantastic reading for Year 8 students especially – you’ll be studying some detective stories later in the year!

WORD OF THE WEEK : Uncanny
strange or mysterious, especially in an unsettling way.
As a shiver ran down her spine, she had the uncanny feeling that she was being watched.

OCTOBERS POEM OF THE MONTH: A Case of Murder by Vernon Scannell
ABSENCE LINE – AVAILABLE 24/7

If your son/daughter is going to be absent due to illness please telephone the school absence line by 9.00am on each day of absence.

Year 7  01442 229105
Year 8  01442 229124
Year 9  01442 229131
Year 10 01442 229132
Year 11 01442 229136
Year 12 & Year 13 (6th Form)  01442 229137

Students should bring a letter explaining their absence on their return to school.