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Dear Parents,

It is very nearly time for your child to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time, something they have been preparing for since Christmas! They have approached their learning with deep respect and spirituality, and I wanted to take this opportunity to say how proud I am of them all. I would also like to inform you that they will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation again on Friday 30th June to complete their preparations.

We have had confirmation from Fr. John that the Mass will take place at St. Peter Apostle Church at **9.00am** on **Sunday 2nd July**. We will have some members of the choir there to help us all to sing and worship God. I would request that all children are present and in their seats by **8.40am**. We will make sure that the pews at the front are reserved for each family. Although in previous years children have sometimes sat apart from their families, we have discussed it and decided today that the children will sit with their families in the pews. This will help to make it a family celebration.

Girls will need to wear a white dress, as is traditional. Please make sure they are not wearing gloves during the Mass, as they must not wear them to receive the Body of Christ. We will give them a posy of flowers before they enter church. Boys will need to wear a white shirt and smart trousers. We will provide them with a blue tie before they enter church.

After Mass, there will be opportunity to take photos. We politely request that no photos are taken during Mass itself. There will also be a gathering in the church hall for tea, coffee and cakes. There will be a Communion breakfast provided for the children. All family are warmly invited to share this celebration with us as a school.

Finally, we have a request! In order to allow the children to fully focus on Mass and on the receipt of the Sacrament, we would love to have some parents read for us. We need 4 volunteers to help us out, just as we did last year. We find that it helps the children to engage more, as well as involving our wonderful parents! If you would be willing to volunteer, please let Mrs Traynar, Miss McNamara or Mrs Rowberry know.

Many thanks,

Mrs Traynar