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Dear parents and carers,

## Welcome to Epiphany Term

It has been an absolute delight to welcome the children back to school this week. They have settled extremely well and we have enjoyed celebrating the season of Epiphany. Madame Chadier has explained to us about the French tradition of 'Galette des Rois'. If you would like to find out more about this particularly delicious French Epiphany tradition you can find out more at the following website:

<https://www.raymondblanc.com/recipes/galette-des-rois-recipe/>.

If you bake and share a 'Galette des Rois' in your family then please send us a photo!

In our worship this term, inspired by our patron Saint Jerome, we are reflecting on our mission statement 'translating the love of God in words and actions'. Saint Jerome wrote; *'Now we must translate the words of Scripture into deeds, and instead of speaking holy words we must do them'* We are focusing particularly on 'translating our words into actions' and really living and putting our school values into action. We will be reflecting on the words and actions of Jesus and how Christians through the centuries and across the world translate his teaching into action. We will be thinking about how we can be good neighbours, showing love and compassion. We will learn about famous Christians who have put Jesus' words into action. We will also celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight (25<sup>th</sup> February to 10<sup>th</sup> March) and reflect on our global neighbours. We will also find out how Christians help in our local community as they seek to 'love their neighbours as themselves' (Mark 12:31).

At St Jérôme School, we believe that speaking more than one language and finding out about the wider world is important in loving and understanding our neighbour. Indeed, the most important reason perhaps for learning a language is loving our neighbour. We can't love our neighbour effectively if we lack the cultural or linguistic skills to interact with our neighbour. Children at St Jérôme School are extremely fortunate to have this important opportunity every day.

One of the great joys of being part of a new school community is that every year, term and day brings a new 'first'. This term we will be electing our first School Council. Children in Year 1 and 2 will be electing their peers to represent them and feedback their views, ideas and opinions to help improve our school. The school council is an excellent way of enabling our children to see how their words and actions impact upon others and to see 'in action' the British value of democracy.

As we approach the season of Lent in preparation for Easter, we plan to relaunch the extremely popular daily acts of kindness, again reinforcing our theme of 'words into actions'.

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Attached to this email is a flyer for the parenting discussion group which launches in school this term. Following parental feedback, it has been decided that this will run on Thursday evenings from 7:30pm until 9:00pm at School beginning on the 24<sup>th</sup> January. Parents who wish to participate are encouraged to email the school office so that we know numbers in advance for refreshments.

Our weekly newsletter will resume next week. Please do take the time to read it each week and note key dates and important information for the term. We are currently in the process of updating and refreshing our website so we do encourage you to visit it regularly over the coming weeks.

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the entire staff team at St Jérôme School, to thank you for your unfailing support throughout 2018 and to offer our thanks for the many cards, gifts and well wishes that were received at Christmas. I pray that 2019 will be a peaceful and healthy year, filled with exciting learning experiences and many opportunities to 'love our neighbours as ourselves'.

Yours Sincerely,

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