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To the families of Year 4 and Year 5 children,

As we informed you last week, Mr Bonnar, Mrs Rutherford and Mrs Meldrum are working hard to prepare the Year 5 children currently for their First Holy Communion.

Current Year 5 Children

The children in Miss McMaster's class will make their First Holy Communion at 10.00am Mass on Saturday 6th November, 2021.

The children in Miss Dolphin's class will make their First Holy Communion at 10.00am Mass on Saturday 20th November, 2021.

Current Year 4 Children

The children in Mr Bonnar and Mrs Rutherford's classes will make their First Holy Communion in May and we will inform parents/carers of the date once they have been finalised with Father Martin.

Please note that the First Holy Communion sessions for the Year 4 children in Mr Bonnar and Mrs Rutherford's classes do not begin until Thursday 7th April, 2022.

Each Mass has both girls and boys from your child's class making their First Holy Communion together.

Your child will be given their First Holy Communion medal to wear and boys will also be given their sash to wear on the Friday before they make their First Holy Communion but the boys **MUST** return their sash to school on the **Monday** so that it can be cleaned and prepared ready for the next group.

I have attached below the dress code for the children making their First Holy Communion.

DRESS CODE FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATION

GIRLS

a white dress, white socks, white shoes. Veils are optional.

BOYS

dark grey trousers, white long-sleeved shirt, black shoes,

plain red tie available from John Lewis, Pauline Books (St Mary's Cathedral Bookshop) or online.

Sashes for the boys are provided by school. (These are given out on the Friday before the Saturday Mass.)

We will keep you updated of any additional information as the term progresses.

Can we take this opportunity to thank you, once again, for your continued support of our school.

With my very best wishes,

A. Thorpe

Head teacher