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Principal Mrs. C. Williams

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Dear Parents,

Re. Archbishop Vincent Nichols

You may already be aware through recent national news that Archbishop Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster, is to become a Cardinal of the Catholic Church in Rome on 22nd February 2014.

Until quite recently, Archbishop Vincent Nichols was the Archbishop of Birmingham – OUR Archbishop! As part of the Catholic community, we are very proud that Archbishop Vincent is to be honoured by the Pope. We intend to spend time in school learning about this special occasion, investigating Archbishop Vincent and celebrating this rare and special event. Our celebrations will include:

Friday 14th February: - Whole school assembly to introduce the special news.

Half term holiday:

Children are encouraged to research Vincent Nichols, find pictures of him and to begin to discover what will happen to him on 22nd February.

Wednesday 26th February:

- Children are invited to wear their own clothes on this day.
- Children are asked to bring 50p mufti money towards the charity which Archbishop Vincent Nichols started, providing help for Christians struggling to live in Jerusalem and the Holy Land.
- The children will take part in additional class-based activities e.g. design and make bishops' mitres and cardinals' skull caps.
- The children will also have an extra play-time that day
- Parents are invited to send in cakes for the children to share
- Classes will visit the school chapel to pray for our new cardinal.
- Voluntary prayer times will be available at lunch-time this week to pray particularly for Archbishop Vincent Nichols.
- Throughout the first week back to school, our daily prayers will be offered up for our new cardinal.

As always, our school chapel is a focal point of prayer and reflection for our whole school community, including families. If you wish to use the chapel at the start or end of the school day for private prayer and reflection, perhaps for Archbishop Vincent Nichols, you are always very welcome.

Thank you for your on-going support of the Catholic life of our school.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Bradley
RE Manager



