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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Year 2 Leavers' Celebration Services - 13th July 2023

I am pleased to write to you regarding the Diocesan end of year celebration for our Year 2 children, at Birmingham St Philip's Cathedral. We are holding two services for the KS1 children in our church schools; one in the morning at 10.30am, and one in the afternoon at 1.30pm. The schools involved are:

Holly Hill Methodist/Church of England Infant and Nursery School, Frankley (morning)

St Alphege Infant and Nursery School (morning)

St George's CE Primary Academy, Edgbaston (afternoon)

St Laurence Church Infant School, Northfield (afternoon)

St Mary's Church of England Primary and Nursery Academy, Handsworth (morning)

St Michael's Church of England Primary Academy, Handsworth (afternoon)

The Church Service, which has been planned with the schools, is to celebrate the children's time in KS1 and to look forward to the next stage in their education. We will be coming together to talk, sing and pray about living and growing in God's world.

Parents and carers are most welcome to join us for this event, which will be a special and memorable experience. Your child's school will write to you separately to give you more information. You will be pleased to learn that, at the Cathedral, checks on people entering the church for services are carried out. Therefore, parents or carers are only permitted to enter the church space once their identity has been verified by a member of school staff. We would ask you be patient if you have to wait for a short while before entering, and to recognise this as a good way to keep children safe.

My colleagues in the Education Team will be attending the service, and we are very pleased to be continuing this tradition for the infant pupils of our church schools. We very much look forward to seeing you there.

With my very best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Sarah Smith

