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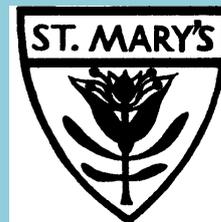


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*God is at the centre of our lives and as a school community we try to grow in love and care by following the example of Jesus*



Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018

Dear Parents,

I cannot believe how quickly the last two weeks have passed. 'Meet the teacher' and Year 5's trip to Chasewater have been and gone whilst St Mary's first MacMillan coffee morning is now upon us. 'Awful Auntie' too is very close for the Key Stage 2 children and the Year 6 trip to Boreatton Park is not far behind! In terms of visitors too we have been very busy with a nutritionist from Chartwell's working with the children last Monday whilst the NSPCC are joining us next week and CAFOD soon after.

## **Macmillan Coffee morning on MONDAY 24<sup>th</sup> September 9am-10am**

St. Mary's will be hosting our inaugural Macmillan Coffee morning which should be a wonderful opportunity for the school and parish communities to come together and share coffee and cake in a good cause. I know many of the parents and children of St Mary's are wonderful cooks and hope that you can bake some lovely cakes to support this.

## **'Awful Auntie' trip Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September**

Our Key Stage 2 children will have the opportunity to see a production of 'Awful Auntie' by David Walliams at the Grand theatre Wolverhampton. The performance will commence at 10.30am so we will be leaving shortly after registration and returning at approximately our normal lunchtime. Therefore there is no need for any alternative lunch arrangements. This visit will form part of a whole school WOW week focussing on 'Awful Auntie'

## **October- Month of the Rosary**

As part of our celebration of October as the month of the Rosary we will be working through the mysteries of the Rosary a decade a day at 9.00am in church. Year 3 will be going on Monday followed by Year 5 on Tuesday. Wednesday will be the classes that are attending Mass and Year 4 and 6 will be Rosary-ing Thursday and Friday respectively.

## **October Family Mass- Month of the Rosary**

Our Family Mass too will have a Marian theme with children invited to bring their Rosary beads in for a blessing. Also as blue is the colour most often associated with Mary we would like to invite all the children to wear something blue for the Mass and there will be a small surprise for all children who come wearing something blue!

## **Cardinal Griffin Open Evening- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

There is an opportunity for children to have a look around at the fantastic opportunities on offer at our very successful local Catholic Secondary school.

## **Harvest Festival- Friday 12th October**

Year 4 will be leading our Harvest Celebration on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October. We would like to invite donations of food as part of this celebration. All fresh produce will be sold off at the end of the day by our mini-Vinnies to raise money for charities. All dried and tinned goods will be donated to a local food bank to assist those in Staffordshire who might be facing a time of hardship.

## **Parents' Evening- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October**

This term we are experimenting with one extra- long Parents' afternoon to evening. Teachers will be starting appointments at 2.30pm and early bird parents are welcome to take their children as soon as their appointments are finished. Appointments will then continue into the evening to hopefully make things easier for parents returning from work.

## **Peace and Remembrance 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> October**

This November marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Armistice the final act of the 'war to end all wars'. Key Stage 2 will be marking this occasion by visits to the Staffordshire regiment museum in the morning to develop their understanding of the suffering caused by the war through age appropriate workshops. They will then go onto the National Memorial Arboretum where they will have the opportunity to develop a personal and prayerful response to the war and how fortunate we are to leave in time of peace.

Finally please do keep consulting the website for dates as our Christmas performance dates will be going on the next fortnight.

Kind regards,

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