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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 5th October 2018

Dear Parents,

What a lovely start to autumn. Having had a fantastic MacMillan coffee morning and NSPCC visitors on Monday last Friday Key Stage 2 enjoyed their visit to 'Awful Auntie' at the Grand theatre Wolverhampton. Football, netball and Nerf gun clubs are also in full swing after school. Staff and pupils have been enjoying sharing their Friday afternoon activities. Our dedicated team of Teaching Assistants have been delivering Intervention groups every afternoon working hard to help the wonderful children at St Mary's to fulfil their potential.

£250 for Macmillan.

What a wonderful amount was raised for MacMillan by the school community. Many thanks to all the kind members of the school community who baked and decorated or ate and donated. Well done to Year 6 too who were such fabulous hosts. We still have a couple of cake boxes if you have not had yours back please could you check in the office.

Everybody needs good neighbours

Most drivers are extremely considerate of those who live along Hunter Rd however could I remind everyone to avoid parking across our neighbours' drives and the yellow lines outside the school. This will ensure the safety of the children and shows respect for those who live near to the school.

Katharine House walk

On Sunday 7th October many of the St Mary's staff will be taking part in the Katharine House Hospice 5km/10km family fun run at Shugborough. If you are free why not pop along and support them?

October- Month of the Rosary

A reminder that 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 start us off each Monday followed by Year 5 on Tuesday. On Wednesday the Rosary is being said by the classes that are attending Mass whilst Years 4 and 6 will be Rosary-ing Thursday and Friday respectively.

Harvest Festival- Friday 12th October

Year 4 will be leading our Harvest Celebration on Friday 12th 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. Children will be invited to dress in bright colours for the day and money raised from this will be donated to Katharine House Hospice.

Sunday 14th 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!

Parents' Evening- Monday 15th October

A reminder that 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 17th & 18th October

This November marks the 100th 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 live in time of peace.

Christmas dates for your diary

The St Mary's Christmas dinner will be on Monday 17th December.

Reception and Nursery will be performing at 9.30 am on Tuesday 18th December

Key Stage 1 will be performing their Christmas Play on Wednesday 12th December at 2.00pm and 6.30pm

Key Stage 2 will be performing at 2.30pm and 6.30pm on Tuesday 18th December.

Key Stage 2 children will also be producing a version of 'A Christmas Carol' in one day to perform to parents at 2.50pm on Friday 14th December.

The whole school will be holding a carol service at 1.15pm Friday 21st December.

Kind regards,

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