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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 19th October 2018

Dear Parents,

It was amazing to see such a huge number of parents attending our recent Open Evening. This was my first Parents' Evening with you and the incredible numbers who came showed clearly how much you value your child's education and support the school. Thank you also to all those who purchased books from the Book Fair. The commission from this will provide new books for the library to keep it alive and exciting with new books.

Uniform

As a parent I am fully aware that children can be very hard on their uniform and even harder on their shoes however it is not fair on most of the pupils if the uniform is not followed by all the pupils. Half term gives an opportunity to take stock and replenish supplies so that everyone is back to their September best on returning from the half term break. We will put lost property out next week for parents to examine as it has already built up considerably.

Boys

White or pale blue shirt
School tie (obtainable from school)
Grey trousers
V-necked sweatshirt with embroidered school badge
For Summer - short sleeved Aertex type shirt with buttoned collar -white or pale blue

Girls

White or pale blue blouse
Navy blue pinafore or skirt
Navy blue cardigan with embroidered school badge
School tie (obtainable from school)
For Winter - tights may be worn or grey school trousers Shoes - heel size should be no more than 4cm. Any higher heel poses a danger to the child whilst on school premises.

If you want further details about uniform please go on the school website and click on 'About us' > 'Prospectus'.

Arboretum visits

The Key Stage 2 children were excellent company and behaved beautifully on our exploration of the Stafford Regiment museum and National Memorial Arboretum. They had a wonderful time and many other visitors to the Arboretum told staff how wonderfully well behaved the children were and how touched they were that those who had died were not forgotten. I believe that the day struck a balance between learning and experiencing new things as well as offering an opportunity to reflect on the losses occasioned by war.

A change of address

If you have recently changed your mobile phone or moved house please could you ensure that the office has the most up to date information. Without up to date information we are unable to communicate effectively and may not be able to reach parents in an emergency.

Boreatton Park

Next week is the Year 6 Residential trip and I am sure that we all wish them a wonderful time and dry weather! Thank you in advance to Mrs Evans, Mrs Richardson and Mr Johnson who will be accompanying them. In Mr Johnsons absence Year 3 will be well looked after by Mr Jeavons and Mrs Jones. Have a lovely trip Year 6!

Operation Christmas Child

Although still some way off on the horizon I just wanted to mention that St Mary's will be joining with Operation Christmas Child to send some boxes of joy to needy children across the world. Information leaflets will go out next week and I will let you know when we have a collection date confirmed.

Dates for your diary

I would like to remind everyone that next Friday (Friday 26th October) is a staff training day. We look forward to welcoming the children back into school on Monday 5th November.

Our next School Mass with the Parish is Sunday 11th November- why not come and mark Remembrance Day with us if you are free?

Kind regards,

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