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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 15th March 2019

Dear Parents,

Another busy- if wet and windy week- draws to a close with a lovely assembly by Year 2. This week has been our assessment week with all classes working hard so that staff can provide the most up to date scores when they meet you at Parents Evening the week after next. The sheet for appointments will be out **from this Monday morning!**

Our word of the week is...ENCOURAGEMENT

Put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations,
Say continually: "The Lord is my strength and my shield.

My heart has trusted in Him and I am helped.

He is not only with me but in me- and I in Him.

St Francis de Sales

Friday Fundraising

Next Friday- **Friday 22nd March**- the whole school is invited to wear pyjamas as part of our charity work for Lent. Next Friday's money will go to **Walsall Manor Hospital's Neonatal Unit**. This unit recently cared for a member of our school community who was born prematurely but is now home and doing really well thanks to their care and support for baby and family.

Big Bang Fair

On Wednesday a group of Key Stage 2 children attended the Big Bang Fair at the NEC. They controlled robots, played games against divers and raced a virtual Usain Bolt. They were also terrific company for Mrs Green and Mrs Jones due to their wonderful behaviour and had a lovely time!

Contacting school for absences

If your child is going to be absent and you are calling in early please be aware that our answer phone takes ages to wake up. Please persevere as it will work but switches between possible phones first and this takes time!

Parents' evening

Please remember to keep **Thursday 28th March** in your diary to meet the teachers and discuss your child(ren)'s work! There will also be the opportunity for a nibble if you have come straight from work- see next item!

Grab and Go!

St Mary's will be offering a lunchtime alternative for Key Stage 2! During **the last two weeks** before Easter Key Stage 2 children will be offered the 'Grab and Go' meal range as an alternative to the **standard menu items which will still be on offer**. Parents and children are invited to sample these tasty looking alternatives during Parents' evening unless Mr Shingler gets there first!

Poetry SLAM!

Year 5 are off to Cardinal Griffin for a day of competitive poetry **next Thursday!** Can they out onomatopoeia the opposition and slam their similes?

School Mass

The next school- parish Mass is **Sunday 31st March** (- Mothers' Day) when we will be celebrating how wonderful mums are! Please come and be celebrated mums!

Arrival at school

I would like to remind parents that **children are not supervised by school staff until 8.45am**. All children are their parents' responsibility until this time and should be accompanied.

Weekly Attendance % (School's Target 96%)

YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	School
93.3	98	95.5	98.2	93.9	98.9	95.7	96.2

Best wishes

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