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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 22nd March 2019

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your support last week as St Mary's turned green for the day and raised over £150 for CAFOD. This week there has been outstanding support for **Walsall Manor Hospital's Neonatal Unit** and the children have had great fun in their pyjamas. Next week we look forward to being joined by a motivational speaker who will be addressing the Key Stage 2 children and Parents' evening.

Our word of the week is...CHANGE

In this time of spring help us to wait patiently for Easter and summer
May we allow your Spirit of Peace and Patience to enable us to enjoy the changes as we gently emerge from the days of winter.
May we revel in the moments of springtime sun that give us hope for new life.
Creator God, you are all good.
May all your creation - snow and clouds, sun and sky - give you praise and glory forever.
Amen.

Friday Fundraising- non- uniform

Next Friday- **Friday 29th March**- the whole school is asked to bring in chocolate for our Friends of St Mary's Chocolate Bingo event which will be held after the Easter holidays

PE kits

Please could you talk to your child's teacher if a PE kit is missing? There is always a chance that school will think it's at home whilst parents assume it's in school!

Parents' evening

Have you signed up for an appointment on **Thursday 28th March**? Staff are looking forward to sharing the wonderful progress your children have made with you!

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 performed beautifully in their Poetry day and the Dreadlock Alien complimented them on their excellent manners and breadth of vocabulary which together helped them produce some lovely poetry. All the staff at Cardinal Griffin were really impressed by the way pupils from all the different schools mixed so well.

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.

New logo



Can you spot the new logo? St Mary's has been awarded the Silver Quality Mark for our commitment to PE and school sport. The Youth Sport Trust is a national charity that builds a brighter future for young people through the power of sport.

Weekly Attendance % (School's Target 96%)

YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	School
97.3	99.7	99.0	97.5	96.5	99.3	98.0	98.2

Best wishes

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