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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 12th April 2019

Dear Parents,

A thoughtful and moving Lenten Reflection by Years 3 and 4 brings our Easter preparations in school to a close. If you are still in Cannock over Easter there is a Mass of the Last Supper at 7pm on Maundy Thursday; Liturgy of the cross on Good Friday at 3pm; Easter Vigil at 7pm on Saturday whilst Mass times for Sunday are 8am and 10.30am. If you have never been to the Services on Thursday, Friday or Saturday of Holy week why not give them a go? Personally I find them some of the most moving services of the Liturgical year.

Finally I would like to say a big thank you for a lovely first year, wish everyone a happy Easter break and say how much I am looking forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 29th April.

Our word of the week is...PRAISE

Palm leaves and prayers were offered on Palm Sunday

Reflection and remembering are important in Lent

Alms giving is one thing we can do in Lent

INRI it said on the cross

Sacrifice of our saviour saves us all from sins

Easter morning brings an elegant end to Lent.

A big thank you to all the children for writing this for me in assembly!

Friday Fundraising- non- uniform

This Friday our last non-uniform day of Lent has raised over £150 in support of CAFOD as they seek to support those who are suffering as a result of the recent disasters in Mozambique.

Easter bunny

A big thank you to the Easter bunny and all the helpers who came along yesterday to provide the children with the opportunity for an Easter egg hunt and chocolate rewards!

Sporting endeavours

Where to begin this week? A massive well done to both our teams of Hi-5 netballers who played so well on Wednesday.

Also to the Year 4 children who played football yesterday!

Also to our swimmers!

Also to our Tri-Golf golfers!

You are all terrific sports and I would also like to thank those staff who selflessly give up their time outside of school to organise the sports clubs.

Born for this

Thank you and congratulations to all the children who took part in 'Born for this' last Sunday. You all sang beautifully. Well done!

Extra safe at St Mary's

Following our exhaustive Health and Safety audit on Thursday St Mary's has been moved up a level in recognition of the excellent care provided by staff at the school.

Grab and Go!

St Mary's will continue to offer a lunchtime alternative for Key Stage 2! During **the first week** back after Easter Key Stage 2 children will be offered the first instalment of the new 'Grab and Go' meal range as an alternative to the standard menu items **(NB- Standard menu still on offer.)**

Hair styles

Although there is a currently a tendency towards very short hair could I remind all parents that St Mary's does not allow extremes of hair fashion. If your child has an extremely short- rather than simply fashionable- hair cut after the Easter holiday appropriate action will be taken. At the other end of the spectrum can long hair be tied back to discourage the spread of 'little passengers'!

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**.

Looking ahead to a very short half term

Chocolate Bingo is all set for the **first Thursday** after we come back- Key Stage 2 children can remain unaccompanied but we ask parents of Key Stage 1 children to come and join their family as they may need help spotting the numbers! Also I would like to draw everyone's attention to **Sports Day** which is in a new 'earlier- in- the- year' spot (weather permitting) on Thursday 24th May. Also that school will be **closed for staff training on Friday 25th May**. Please do look at the calendar for more dates!

Weekly Attendance % (School's Target 96%)

YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	School
95.7	99.3	98.0	98.6	96.1	94.3	97.7	97.1

Best wishes
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