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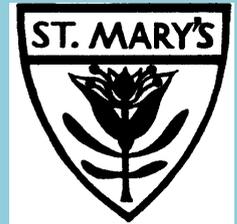


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God is at the centre of our lives and as a school community we try to grow in love and care by following the example of Jesus



Friday 3rd May 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to all and I hope everyone enjoyed their Easter break. We return to a fairly frantic few weeks of SATs and Sports day plus the after school sports fixtures and clubs continue apace. This last week has seen a super afternoon of Chocolate Bingo; Year 3 visiting Alton Castle as part of their First Communion preparation as well as several staff out on training days. Next week- although shortened by the Bank Holiday- is also busy with visitors from the Father Hudson Society, trim trail repairs finally getting under way and a cross country at Cardinal Griffin.

Our word of the week is...WITNESS

God our Father,

Fill me with the spirit of Wonder and Awe
in the presence of the mystery of your love.

Teach me to guide others
to come to know you,
to live in friendship with you,
and to give witness to your Son
by lives built on faith and love.

Amen.

Friends in need of friends!

The Friends of St Mary's urgently need some friends! The **Friends of St Mary's do wonderful work** through the year raising money to buy items from glue guns to trim trails and supporting school trips to keep costs down. They also give up their time to arrange fun and exciting events such as the recent visit of the Easter bunny.

At the moment the Friends are **desperately short of helpers** so unless there are any parents-grandparents?- who can help then some of the events planned for the summer cannot go ahead. If you are prepared to give a little time perhaps with the **First Communion set up**, Sponsored walk or Sports day please could you speak with Mrs Langley, Mrs Morris or let Mr Shingler or the office know that you might be available to help.

Friday Fundraising

Thank you to everyone for all your support and donations over the Lenten period. As a community we can reflect with satisfaction on the wonderful organisations we have supported and the many people that our fundraising will help.

Healthy break time snacks



A quick reminder that snacks for break should be healthy. **Fruit or similar is perfect** but not marshmallows or doritos and definitely not together!

Grab and Go!

The 'Grab and Go' menu has been a great success with the children and will continue as a lunchtime alternative for **Key Stage 2 only** throughout the summer term. **(NB- Standard menu will remain on offer everyday.)**

Chocolate Bingo

Thank you to the Friends of St Mary's who organised our inaugural Chocolate Bingo so beautifully! Thank you too to the many parents, grandparents and children who came to support! The tension really mounted as the numbers called grew!

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 the next few weeks

I know that getting time off work can be tricky so 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
98.3	99.2	94.6	99.1	96	96.9	97.5	97.4

Best wishes

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