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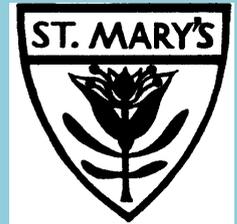


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God is at the centre of our lives and as a school community we try to grow in love and care by following the example of Jesus



Friday 14th June 2019

Dear Parents,

A truly soggy week draws to a drier close. Although one Year 6 child correctly observed "It's June and I have my winter coat on!" the children- and staff- have stayed very cheerful and their smiles as they come into school light up any day! My week was also lightened by the praise given to the school for its super literacy by a visiting moderator. The moderator visits dozens of schools a year and yet when he came to St Mary's he found the children's work so good he couldn't help but comment on it. Also the lovely comments about St Mary's EYFS provision by the Quality Mark team go nicely with the Primary Quality Mark we already hold. Fingers crossed for better weather next week.

Our words of the week are...the Holy Trinity

God, we praise you:

Father all-powerful,

Christ Lord and Savior,

Spirit of Love.

You reveal yourself in the depths of our being,
drawing us to share in your life and your love.

One God, three Persons,

be near to the people formed in your image,
close to the world your love brings to life.

We ask you this, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, true and living, forever and ever.

EYFS Quality Mark

St Mary's Nursery has recently received a brilliant review as part of the Early Years Foundation Stage Quality Mark. The recent visit by the Quality Mark auditor meant that the Nursery and Reception classes were subject to a gruelling four hour inspection which ensured a very thorough examination of all aspects of the Nursery and Reception class at St Mary's.

The Quality mark is awarded by an independent body as a result of scrupulous inspection and St Mary's is the only EYFS setting in Cannock to hold this particular award. The process involved the Quality Mark auditor speaking to a variety of stake holders including staff, parents and governors as part of the review as well as viewing policies and spending time observing and listening to the children.

There are ten areas of focus looking at the children's progress and the way staff support them to fulfil their potential. I am delighted to say that St Mary's stormed every one! The auditor was delighted with the fantastic provision offered by the highly trained and experienced staff which enabled the children to make such huge strides towards fulfilling their potential.

Good news for all our little ones- hopefully our big ones don't feel left out as we already hold the Primary Quality Mark and successfully renewed this last November!

E-Safety- Roblox

Does your child use 'Roblox'? There have been several safeguarding scares in the national news around the 'chat room' element being unsafe as well as featuring obscenity and appallingly unsuitable subject matter.

If your child exhibits the following traits they may be warning signs

- **Become very secretive, especially about what they are doing online.**
- **Are spending a lot of time on the internet and social media.**
- **Are switching screens on their device when approached.**
- **Are withdrawn or angry after using the internet or sending text messages.**
- **Have lots of new phone numbers or email addresses on their devices.**

Current advice for parents to ensure safe use is:-

- **Ensure you know what your children can access online.**
- **Ensure your children understand the importance of not giving personal information to anyone they do not know.**
- **Tell children that no-one has the right to make them do anything they do not want to do.**

- Use parental controls to keep children safe but be aware they are not fool proof!

Late gate!

The Educational Welfare Officer (EWO) was in earlier this week and will be conducting a series of 'Late gate' checks between now and the summer holiday. Please ensure that you are arriving promptly for the start of school at 8.55am.

Some changes to the staff...

There are some changes to teachers and TAs for next year.

Class	Teacher	Teaching Assts
Nursery	Mrs Thelwell	Mrs Williams
Reception	Mrs. Chinn	Mrs Wuk/ Mrs Richards
1	Miss. Critchley	Mrs Richardson/ Mrs Starkey
2	Mrs. Green	Mrs Handley
3	Miss. Dainty	Miss Askey/ Miss Fox
4	Miss. Wayman	Mrs. Thackham
5	Mr. Johnston	Mrs. Platt/ Mr. Jeavons/ Mrs. Smith
6	Mrs. Evans	Mrs Jones

Looking ahead to the next few weeks

There are lots of exciting activities in the weeks ahead with some classes out on trips and lots of sporting activities too. Also our final Family Mass will **NOT** be on a Sunday but **on Saturday 13th July** at 2pm with a barbecue and bouncy castle to follow!

Looking even further ahead

Many of you will have seen in the news that Bank Holiday Monday (4th May) 2020 is now **Bank Holiday Friday (8th May)** in honour of the 75th Anniversary of VE Day.

Weekly Attendance %(School's Target 96%)

YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	School
93.7	95.7	97.9	99.3	97.1	95.3	93.7	96.4

Best wishes

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