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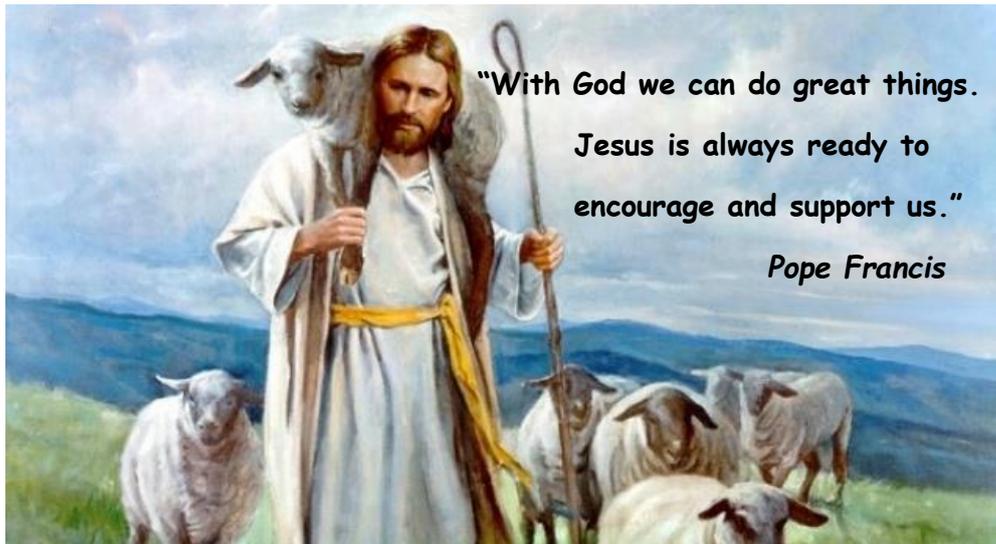
*God is at the centre of our lives and as a school community we try to grow in love and care by following the example of Jesus*



Monday 9th March 2020

Dear Parents,

**Our word of the week is...ENCOURAGEMENT**



## World Book Day

What a fantastic collection of costumes. Children and staff really entered into the spirit of this annual celebration of all things literary. A special well done to Year 3 who were the winners of our reading competition! I look forward to seeing how everyone get on with their poems.

## Education Welfare Officer

The Education Welfare Officer will be visiting school to do a 'late gate' anytime from now until the end of the term.

## Nursery places

The deadline for applications for Nursery places is fast approaching. Please ensure all forms are submitted to the school office by Tuesday 31st March.

## Trips, trips, trips

If you have not returned trips letters for our residential trip to Boreatton Park (Years 4 and 5) or Birmingham Museum trip (Years 3,4,5 and 6) please could you do so.

### ParentPay is coming to St Mary's



Many parents have expressed an interest in being able to make online payments instead of coming along to the school office. I am pleased to announce that as from Easter St Mary's will be joining the many schools who already offer ParentPay. ParentPay means that all trips, dinners etc can be paid for online- an altogether more convenient option!

Further information regarding Parentpay to follow soon.

**\*\*\*Please can all families ensure that any dinner money owed is cleared\*\*\***

**\*\*\*by the end of term in readiness for this switch over! \*\*\***

### Thank you for the 5ps!

**Well done to Year 1!** They are the first to finish filling their bottle! Our winners will be spending their money on 'wet play' toys and activities which can follow them up the school. Reception, who came second, will be buying some new *Mobilo* with their savings!

Well done and thanks to the other classes too! The rest of the 5ps will benefit the other children by being used to buy extra balls etc to enhance their play opportunities on the field in the summer.

### Music for Youth at the Victoria Hall

We were fortunate to secure a limited number of free tickets for 'Music for Youth' who provided some super performances for the children. All of the pupils were superbly behaved and great company! Here's what they said...

*"I really enjoyed watching the performance and joining in with the songs. My favourite part was the choir because I loved listening to their songs." MG*

*"I really enjoyed all of it because the music made me feel happy all the way through. I liked it because we got to join in with some of the songs." CCJ*

**Family Mass-** Thank you to all who joined us for Family Mass yesterday. The children read beautifully.

### Looking ahead ...

Parents evening will be 2.30-8pm **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

### Looking further ahead...

Year 3 & 4 Easter performance **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.**

The last day before the Easter holidays is **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April** and we return to school on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April.**

Looking even further ahead...

**INSET Day- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May.** School will be closed on the day before the May half term!

**First Holy Communion** for Year 3 children **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June**

Leavers Mass-to be held at Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 7pm**

**Mass, Bouncy castle and Barbecue-** As we did last year there will be a special Mass on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 2.30pm** followed by a barbecue and bouncy castle. The Community Centre will be open too. Last year this event was a lovely opportunity for Year 6 parents especially to have a chat and look back on the last seven years.

**Best wishes**

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