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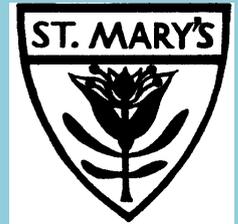


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*God is at the centre of our lives and as a school community we try to grow in  
love and care by following the example of Jesus*



Friday 13th March 2020

Dear Parents,

**Our words of the week are...GOD'S LOVE**

***"We pray that the church may always be a true family that brings God's love to everyone"***

**Pope Francis**

## **Sporting action**

Our Hi-5 and Football teams were in action at St. Joseph's, Rugeley this week! Well done to the Hi-5 team for two wins and the footballers for winning one and losing one. Winning or losing you were great sports-keep it up!

## **Education Welfare Officer**

The Education Welfare Officer will be visiting school to do a 'late gate' between now and 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.

## **Uniform reminder**

The St Mary's uniform policy is for the children to wear shoes not trainers. We do understand that shoes wear out/ get lost but they should be replaced with shoes as soon as possible.

### 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 were 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 as the cumulative total was just over £450! The 5ps from the other classes will benefit the school as they will be used purchase equipment to enhance play opportunities on the field in the summer.

### Fundraising thanks

On behalf of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of Christ, I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to the staffs and pupils of St Mary's Catholic Primary School for your donation and fundraising event to support our mission work. We will keep the school posted of mission for the poor and less privilege through our newsletter.

May God bless you all

Sr Mary Sebastian Ogwuike

### Looking ahead ...

**Parents evening** will be 2.30-8pm **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March** depending on Coronavirus advice over the next week.

### 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...

**Sports Day-** This will be held on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May** as normal it will be Nursery and Reception first followed by Key Stage 1 with Key Stage 2 in the afternoon.

**May procession to honour Mary-** This will be held on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May**- details to follow.

**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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