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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 18th September 2020

Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to see the children enjoying the sunshine this week. This week has also seen some more small landmarks with our first virtual assemblies by an external agency with a speaker from CAFOD meeting Yr 4 through Microsoft Teams, our first class Mass and our first day without any classes entering via the office. Next week we will have Parentpay up and running meaning an end to coming in to pay for dinner money and trips when they restart!



Each week we are making small steps towards establishing where we can safely push the new normal too and thank you to everyone for your help with this!

Our word of the week is... GENEROUS

**DEAR GOD,
I WANT TO TAKE A MINUTE,
NOT TO ASK FOR ANYTHING
FROM YOU, BUT TO SIMPLY SAY
THANK YOU, FOR ALL I HAVE.**



School dinners

In order to get hot dinners back on the menu the staff of St Mary's will be experimenting with a variety of different approaches. This means that on **Thursday 1st October** we will be offering all Key Stage 2 children (**Years 3, 4, 5 & 6**) Fish or pizza and chips with a choice of pudding served in disposable packaging and eaten with disposable cutlery. The week after (**Monday 5th October** onwards) we will try something different - **Years 5 and 6 only** will be able to choose from the 'Grab and Go menu'. These meals were very popular last year and will be prepared in the school kitchen to be eaten in class. The week after that (**Monday 12th October** onwards) **Reception, Years 1, 2, 3 and 4** will have a day per class to eat in the Hall. In order to be fair they will all be offered Fish and Chips or pizza or sandwiches as well as a choice of pudding. Trying different things on a small scale will help determine how the school meals situation evolves after half term.

Parent pay

Everyone should have received their letter this week and we aim to go **completely cashless** in school from **Monday 21st September** for everything from dinner money to trips.

Are you coming to the office?

A reminder that if you are coming into the office to collect a child, pay dinner money etc you must **wear a face mask**.

Medication

Please **do not** give your child **ibuprofen** or **paracetamol** before school as this defeats our efforts to check temperatures.

Test results

If your child should need to be tested for Covid 19 at any point **do not** send them back to school. It is expected that ALL the household isolate until the result arrives. When you get the result you will either be able to continue as normal if it is negative or you will receive further advice in the event of a positive result. Please ensure you have sent a picture/ scan of **the result** to the office@st-marys-cannock.staffs.sch.uk email and had an acknowledgement before your child returns to school. This will help us keep all of our bubbles as safe as possible.

More normally normal...

Next week (**Friday 25th September**) will be our last early finish Friday. Thank you everyone for your patience. From **Friday 2nd October** children should be collected at their normal collection times

3.05pm Yr 1 and Yr 6

3.10pm Yr 2

3.15pm Rec and Yr 3

3.20pm Yr 4 and Yr 5

Please aim to arrive in time to **collect the latest** of your children to be dismissed as this will minimise the numbers of parents on the playground at any one time.

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