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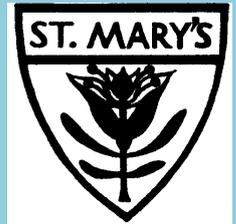


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God is at the centre of our lives and as a school community we try to grow in love and care by following the example of Jesus



Friday 25th September 2020

Dear Parents,

Our word of the week is...CHANGE



Grant us, Lord God, a vision of your world as *your* love would have it:

a world where the weak are protected, and none go hungry;

a world where the riches of creation are shared by everyone;

a world where different races and cultures live in harmony;

a world where peace is built with justice and love.

Give us the courage to build such a world

Amen.



Reading books

Many parents have struggled to access Oxford Owls so we will try a return to our school Reading books but with extra care. If we followed our normal practice books often went out on the same day they arrived in school which could potentially spread Covid 19 not just into school but into the new reader's household. Therefore from next week reading books will be issued on a Monday and returned on a Friday. On Friday morning there will be seven boxes on the playground- one for each class. Please drop your child's book into the relevant box. After a quarantine period staff will check off returns against their list in class and issue new books. The idea behind this is to keep books in circulation not Covid 19!

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 last week and we aim to be **completely cashless** in school initially only for dinner money and trips but will review and adjust as we go.

Are you coming to the office?

A reminder that if you are coming into the office to collect a child, drop off an item 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.

Lunch Boxes

Can all parents ensure that no products containing nuts are included in packed lunches.

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...

This 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.

Drop off times **remain the same for the moment**

8.45am- Nursery, Yr 1 and Yr 6

9am- Reception, Yr 2 and Yr 3

9.15- Yrs 4 and 5

Please could you continue to arrive as closely as possible to your time slot and **drop off with the earliest** sibling so no one has to wait around- especially as the weather deteriorates.

Next week we are increasing the number of music lessons with '**Rock it**' returning to school. Some of you may remember your children discussing their lessons before the lock down started. All visitors whether for PE, Music or essential maintenance- follow the schools rigorous Risk Assessment which is regularly updated as guide lines change in consultation with staff and our Governing Body.

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