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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*



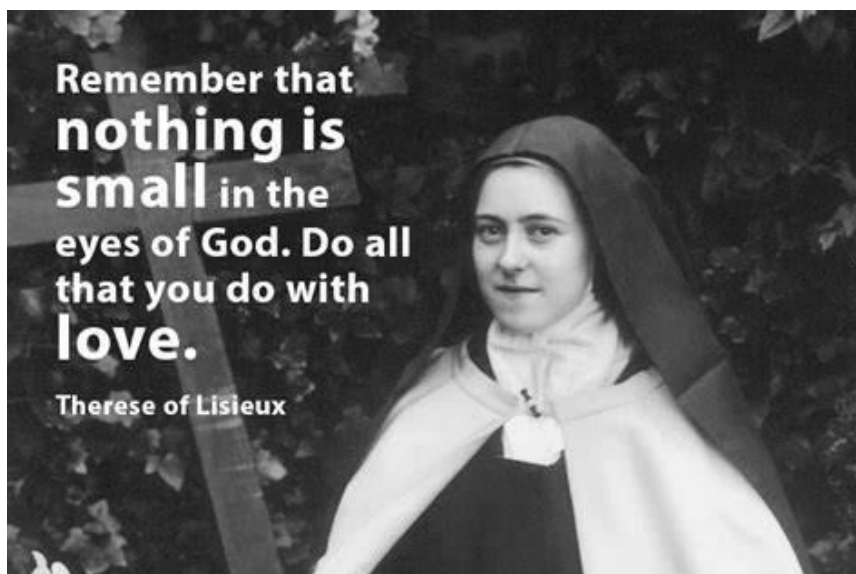
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents,

This last week has seen two more steps towards a more normal state of affairs. The first step was the return of 'Rock it' music to work with the children under our stringent cleaning and risk assessment. The other step has been the serving of our first hot meals since March. Next week we will go further with Key Stage 2 children experimenting with 'Grab and go' pots in class whilst the week after will see another first as the Hall comes back into use as a dining room.



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



### **Reading books**

Thank you to everyone who returned books today. New books will be issued on Monday. Don't worry if you forgot or couldn't find the book this morning- **next Friday is fine.**

Please **do not** bring books in on other days.

### **INSET day early warning!**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** is an INSET day. St Mary's will be **closed to children!**

### **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.**

### **School dinners**

Next week **Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 only** will be able to choose from the 'Grab and Go menu'. These meals were very popular with Key Stage 2 children last year and will be prepared in the school kitchen to be eaten in class. The week after that (**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

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### **Medication**

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

### **Normal collection times today!**

This week has been our first full Friday since the 20<sup>th</sup> March and can I remind parents of our collection time! All the children have adapted beautifully to the new arrival and departure times as well as the new systems and routines in class

**3.05pm Yr 1, Yr 3 and Yr 6**

**3.10pm Yr 2**

**3.15pm Rec**

**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 also feature the change to timing for Yr 3.

**8.45am- Nursery, Yr 1, Yr 3 and Yr 6**

**9am- Reception and Yr 2**

**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.

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