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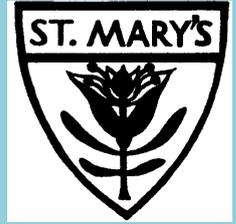


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God is at the centre of our lives and as a school community we try to grow in love and care by following the example of Jesus



Friday 13th November 2020

Dear Parents,

Our word of the week is...TALENT



Another busy week has passed at St Mary's during which Reception and Year 1 have become thoroughly used to using the Hall at lunch time. This week has also seen the start of our Covid Catch up Club for many of our Key Stage 2 children and many pupils across the school have been working enthusiastically on their new IXL accounts with Year 6 answering over 20,000 questions across the class in English and Maths.

Today we are sending out an 'Autumn update' in lieu of our normal Parents' evening so keep an eye out for an envelope. We have tried to keep the updates clear and give you an idea of how your child is settling back in class after this year's disruption.

Next week we look forward to the return of Year 2 from Tuesday and hopefully this will be their last period of isolation.

Covid reminder-

If you- or a member of your household- have had a test everyone in the house should self-isolate pending the result to ensure the safety of others. Failing to self-isolate when required can lead to a fine of £1,000 or more! It is understandable that many parents are confused by the press coverage of tiers, lock down and isolation. Nobody needs a massive fine so if you need to check please use this link <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Talking with teachers

I would like to remind everyone that in order to preserve social distancing I have asked staff **not to hold face to face discussions** with parents. This does not mean you cannot talk to teachers but simply that it will be via other means. If you have a question or information for your child's teacher please use dojo in Key Stage 1, email the school- using office@st-marys-cannock.staffs.sch.uk and mark the email FAO your child's class teacher- or call the office and the member of staff will get in touch.

Diwali

Reception have been busy thinking about the story of 'Rama and Sita' today in anticipation of Diwali (The festival of lights). Next Tuesday there will be a change to the school menu with our canteen offering chicken curry instead of the normal menu.

INSET day

St Mary's will be closed to children on Friday 18th December for an INSET day. Looking further ahead school reopens on Monday 4th January 2021!

Best wishes for a lovely weekend

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