



ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent

Y6D Class assembly

Mrs Davis' class will lead our collective worship on Friday 22nd September, our first such collective worship this school year. All welcome, please join us. The assembly will begin at 9:15am. Please be on time to avoid disturbing the children. Thank you.



Harvest Festival/ Rite of Welcome – Friday 29th September

We shall be collecting food – tinned, packets, fresh etc. to send to the Fireside Centre in Birmingham, which supports the homeless of our city. Please be generous – and thank you as always for your goodness and support. All non-fresh (tinned, packets, etc) foods to be received by Thursday 28th September; we will receive these from Monday 25th September. Please bring in all fresh foods on the morning of the 29th to maintain their freshness please. A display will be set up of your offerings for Mass.

We also welcome our new Reception children, who will lead our offertory procession at the Mass.

Macmillan Coffee Morning – will be held in the Parish Centre throughout the morning. Please support this most worthy cause. Our new School Council members will be in attendance after the Mass; they are:

Year 1P: TBC

Year 2A: Oscar & Connie

Year 3J: Zubair & Niamh

Year 4D: Harry & Molly

Year 5H: Daniel D & Madison

Year 6B: Erin & Cian

Y1S: TBC

Y2N: Chiara & Ethan

Y3M: Jimmy & Hayden

Y4R: Joshua H & Mia

Y5M: Chikamso & Alana

Y6D: Elijah & Hawi

Admissions 2017

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Miller, former parent and governor, has been appointed to deal with all admission enquiries. Mrs Miller is extremely experienced in this field and her support in our school office has been significant, especially to Mrs Shepherd.

Late/ Forgotten Items

The amount of administrative work that has been directed to schools over the past few years has been huge (and increasing) and we are blessed to have such a dedicated team who deal with all that comes their way. Please be aware of the many different tasks and duties that have to be dealt with each day.

Polite Request: In regard to the above, please do not expect office staff to deliver late or forgotten items to classrooms. The office staff must remain in the office and it is not fair to expect them to run around school delivering property to children. Please ensure that your child is encouraged to be responsible for their own personal items. Thank you.



Head Boy and Head Girl

I am delighted to introduce you to our Head Girl and Boy, elected (unanimously) by the staff - Bonheur and Toby. Please see their statements below:

Bonheur: *"I am more than happy to be Head Girl and it is my absolute pleasure to be a responsible leader. As I am now in this position, I will be sure to help all pupils to be loving and welcoming in school and its locality. I will strive always to be a good example to the younger children and my Y6 peer group which I see as a very important part of my role. I promise to be an incredible role model in this, my final year at St Mary's".*



Toby: "I am overjoyed to be Head Boy in St Mary's this year. It is my pleasure to be a good role model for everyone in the school and I will make sure to be loving and friendly to all the pupils, especially our new reception children. I will be a responsible leader and help all those who need me and are lonely. I aim to guide and support the younger pupils and my peers in this extraordinary school".

A Thought for Today's World ...

**DARKNESS CANNOT DRIVE OUT DARKNESS; ONLY LIGHT CAN DO THAT.
HATE CANNOT DRIVE OUT HATE; ONLY LOVE CAN DO THAT.**

Martin Luther King, Jr.

School Fund

Many families contribute to school fund via our Gift Aid account – however this is less than half of our families. If you are not giving in this way, then we ask you to support the school by providing £15 per year/ per family. This figure has not increased in years and it is a way of supporting us to support your child. In today's economy it really is not too much to ask anyone.

It works out at just under 40p per school week!!!

Our thanks to those who give to our school fund every year without hesitation.

School Nurse

Our school nurse, Paula, is available to see parents each fortnight on a Wednesday afternoon.

NOTE:

The timings vary because of other commitments that she will have in school:

20/9/17 --- 15:30 -16:30;

4/10/17 --- 14:30 -15:30;

18/10/17 --- 14:30 -16:30;

1/11/17 --- 14:30 -15:30

More dates with timings will be shared later in the term.

The 'Sweet Project'

'Sweet' is a social enterprise not-for-profit venture, formed in March 2010. Sweet works with children, families and adults in vulnerable circumstances (e.g. housing issues; parenting difficulties) to provide protection, safeguarding, empowerment, problem-solving skills and support.

Sweet says:

"The SWEET Project is committed to helping families and adults in Birmingham to meet the challenges they face on a daily basis. One of our key aims is to ensure that families and adults in the greatest need receive a specific level of support to help them overcome their difficulties. The support offered is essential, often provided where other agencies do not offer any or where their support has ended. We are committed to building strong relationships with families and adults."

If you would like to take advantage of this free service, please let Mr Blaney or Mrs Tame know this week – just drop a note into school via your child's class teacher in an envelope labelled 'SWEET'. We will respond to you very promptly. Thank you.

e-safety tip of the week

Remember that you don't have to give your permission to be photographed! You can say no! Anyone with a camera should always ask your permission to take your photograph.

Yours sincerely,



H M Cusack
Headteacher