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Dear Parent

January is dedicated to the Most Holy name of Jesus

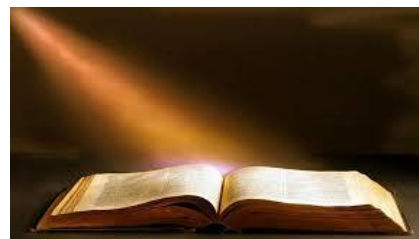
Y3L Class Assembly - Friday, 24th January – 9:15am.

Please join Mrs Mc Connell's class as they lead the school collective worship on Friday... All welcome! We do, however, reserve the right to close access to the school hall to those who turn up late as this unduly disrupts the assembly and the children.

The God who Speaks to us...

**'Your Word is a lamp for my steps and a light
for my path.'**

Psalm 119



STEMM Week:

The parents who are leading this week have been truly exceptional and their enthusiasm, preparation and engagement will allow our children to 'dream, dreams'! The children have thoroughly enjoyed their experiences so far. Going forward our society needs more scientists, technology experts, engineers, mathematicians and medical experts – this week will teach our children that they, too, can strive for these excellent professions.

The children will experience:

Reception: Ancient Architecture and building challenge.

Y1: Three Little Pigs – Architecture challenge.

Y2: 'Iggy Peck: Architect' session.

Y3: First Aid/ chemistry carousel/ the science of well-being.

Y4: as Y3 and DNA extraction from strawberries.

Y5: Engineering workshop/ trains and structures/ air quality/ crash test dummy workshop.

Y6: as Y5 with wind turbine workshop. Also, Y6 to visit University of Birmingham's Centre for Railway Research and Education.

Many, many thanks to all the parents and experts who have given so much time and enthusiasm for this first STEMM week in St Mary's. Thanks too to Mr Clinton for coordinating their stupendous efforts.

STEMM week resources appeal:

Do you have spare **newspapers or cereal boxes**? Please send in for attention of Mr Clinton before Thursday!

Reception children are asked to provide a **flat baking tray** (suitably labelled for ease of return) by Thursday.

Second week of Ordinary Time



IMPORTANT NOTICE**Parent Governor Election****IMPORTANT NOTICE**

There is provision for two parent governors on the School's governing body and currently there is one vacancy. Should you wish to stand for this role or to nominate another parent to do so, letters of invitation and nomination forms are available from the School Office.

With each opportunity to refresh the makeup of the governing body, the governors seek to reflect the increasing ethnic diversity of our pupils and parents in our whole school community that now includes families from all over the world!

The governing body particularly requires **experience or expertise in safeguarding** to help support this crucial aspect of safety and well-being for the children in our school.

The deadline for nominations is Friday 24th January. There is still time for you to put yourself (or another nominee) forward and help serve our school community in this role. Please do!

A note from a Y6 Pupil:

"I have asked to sell wristbands to raise money for the National Bushfire Disaster Appeal.

My motivation for this was seeing how devastating the Australian wildfires are and how climate change is slowly creating more havoc as it grows.

I hope to raise money to help animals and people in need and also to raise awareness about the menace climate change brings to our home, the Earth.

Wristbands – which can be self-decorated - are 50p each and will be sold during break times and lunchtimes."

Thank you.

Indra

We are very proud that our children identify world issues and attempt to do something about them. Please support Indra in his initiative as he helps our school community to live with '**Love and Compassion**', our virtue focus this term.

Since Lent is almost on our doorstep, we will not be supporting any further charities until then.

Yours sincerely,



H M Cusack
Headteacher