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ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent

October is dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary

Parking At St Mary's School

There have been a number of complaints about the illegal parking around our school each morning/evening. PLEASE do not park across the drives of the homes on Vivian Road. I have had further complaints from some parents who speak to someone who is BREAKING THE LAW and being given verbal abuse! This is most unacceptable and totally opposite of what we expect at St Mary's. **There is NO good reason to park illegally – don't do it!** The rules of the road are for every one – why do a small fraction of our parents seem to think they do not apply to them? Refrain from being abusive if approached by a parent who is carrying out their civil duty. You are at fault, not them!

Please, show consideration for our community and keep our children safe.

There's a link on the website with a form to print out should you wish to report the illegal parking you witness:

https://www.stmaryrc.bham.sch.uk/web/illegal_parking/410638 We would encourage you all to do so.

Thank you to the majority of you who are law abiding citizens and keep to the rules which keep our children protected.

The God Who Speaks...

**"There is nothing I cannot master
with the help of the One who gives me strength."**

Congratulations...

To Mrs Hammond on the birth of her son, Thomas Stanley Michael, who was born last week, weighing in at 8.5lbs. May God bless him and mum and dad too! We are all so delighted for them all.

PE in School

On the timetabled day, the children can come to school in their PE kit (including tracksuit bottoms and trainers).

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y2L, Y2F	YRF, YRL	Y5F, Y5L, Y3L Y6F	Y6L, Y1F, Y1L Y4F, Y4L	Y3F

Pumps in School

When your child's teacher has their statutory non-contact time for planning, preparation and assessment (PPA), the KS2 children enjoy dance with Toni. For this, they need their pumps to be in school as we cannot allow them to do dance in bare feet and there is not enough time between sessions to mop the floor and allow it to dry. Therefore, the children should have pumps in school every day! Thank you.

Ordinary Time – Week 28: 'Many are called but few are chosen.'



Photographer in School:

We have booked 21st October with our school photographer to take individual photos only this year. Sadly, in school siblings and their younger brothers/sisters will not be able to be part of the event. All the ordering will be done from home and photographs will be sent directly to your home. This will avoid too much passing around and potential contamination.

Parent Consultations

You should have received a letter last week about our plans to set up face to face meetings with teachers. Please book your appointment via your personal e-schools log in which is **firstname.surname** and then a four digit PIN. Please do not use your email to log in – it will not work.

If you require a reminder please email forgottenpassword@stmaryrc.bham.sch.uk – this email address will not be monitored during half term.

During these unprecedented times and to allow for cleaning between appointments, we are inviting **one adult only** to meet with each teacher. We cannot allow young children to come into school, on this occasion and this includes all pre-school children from youngest baby to 3-4-year-old. Thank you.

NB: Please be aware that priority will be given to face to face meetings in the first instance and once these slots are filled we will be better able to give phone call appointments – all appointments are for 10 minutes only.

Reminders 😊

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has their own water bottle in school so that they can have a drink during the day to keep hydrated. The water bottle should be taken home each and every evening and washed thoroughly.

End of Day Pick Up – Children Attending Clubs

Please stick to your regular collection time when picking up your children at the end of the day.

E.g. If you have a child attending an after school club, please collect your other child/children at the usual sibling collection time (the time the youngest sibling is collected).

Many thanks for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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