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Dear Parent

## July is dedicated to the Most Precious Blood



### **Whole School Mass – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

On Friday we are celebrating the Liturgy of the Mass as a school community. Due to numbers and current restrictions this mass is for the school community only. Also present will be Mr Blaney, who retired very quietly last year, along with Mrs Dale and Mrs Healy. We shall also welcome back Mr Sheehan. These staff members have been much treasured colleagues and have given outstanding service and commitment to the children (and staff) of St Mary's across many years. It is right and fitting that we thank God for them in this way. We ask you to join with us in spirit and to offer your own prayers of thanks.

### **Getting 'Hitched' 😊!**

I am delighted to inform you of the impending nuptials of **Miss Cook** (YR). Miss Cook had to delay her wedding from last year due to the pandemic but is going ahead, thankfully, during the summer break.

**Miss Cook will be known as Mrs Richards on her return to school in September.**

Miss Cook is a beautiful and refined young lady who is a key member of our staff – and leads our Early Years (Reception) phase. We all wish her God's greatest blessings, our love and very best wishes as she embarks on her new life with her husband, Sean.

**Miss Moster**, is due to marry in America during the summer, but because of the pandemic and different restrictions between here and the USA, is not sure how secure her arrangements currently are. If the wedding does go ahead – and we pray it does – **Miss Moster will be known as Mrs Bergonzi in September.**

### **Leavers this Year!**

**Mr Natynczuk** - has resigned as a teacher of St Mary's and is looking to move back to Bristol for the beginning of the new school year. We thank him for the contribution he has made to St Mary's over the past couple of difficult years and will miss him very much. He has a wonderful demeanour and always shows great care for the children. Thank you and God bless.

**Mrs Lucy Davis** – who is still on her second maternity leave but is due to return next week, has secured a part time position in a school in Leamington Spa, much nearer to where she and her family now live. Mrs Davis has been with us for 9 years and was an outstanding teacher of our Y6 as well as Maths Lead. Being exceptionally talented as a musician and singer, she also supported our children in the highest levels of performance with two and three part choral singing. Our school was blessed when Mrs Davis (nee Clarke) first entered as a newly qualified teacher. She began her career well but soared in her excellence. She will be a sad loss but we wish her all the very best as she moves forward in her career and as a wife and a mother of two very little ones. May God bless her and her family.

**Mrs Diane Williams** – will be retiring from St Mary's at the end of this term having worked here for the past 18 years. Mrs Williams has been a tremendous support and the most professional of colleagues across the years. She began as an Integration Assistant supporting a child who had additional physical needs and quickly stepped up to supporting teachers and children across both key stages. Mrs Williams was always prepared

to move wherever she was most needed and always did an exemplary job. We need more of the likes of Mrs William's in schools across the country. Her wisdom, kindness, intelligence and simple goodness cannot be overstated. She has been a gem, a great professional and a dear friend. God bless her in her retirement and all the exciting plans she has for the future.

**Welcome Back!**

Mrs Hammond has returned this week after her maternity leave. It was lovely to see her back with us.

**Classes - Next Year**

The children will be meeting their new teachers tomorrow for a much shorter session than usual due to us complying with current regulations. The teacher will go to the children's current classroom rather than us having all children moving around different rooms. We will be talking to the children about this, but please assure them, also, that they will be moving to new classrooms in September.

Year Group	Fatima		Lourdes	
	TEACHER	ASSISTANT	TEACHER	ASSISTANT
<b>YR</b>	Mrs Richards (nee Cook)	Miss Lawler	Miss Detheridge	Mrs Pitt
<b>Y1</b>	Miss Heath	Mrs Kopera	Miss Bennett	Mrs Shipman
<b>Y2</b>	Mr Gambles	Mrs Hammond	Miss Stevens	Mrs Parmar
<b>Y3</b>	Miss Ruhan	Mrs Lassey	Miss Thompson	Mrs Lassey
<b>Y4</b>	Mrs Noone/ Mrs McConnell	Mrs Salgado	Miss Preedy	Mrs F Williams
<b>Y5</b>	Miss Keating Miss Hill (1 day per week)	Miss Moster	Mrs Adams	Mr Wilson
<b>Y6</b>	Miss Mott	Mrs Gobina	Miss Horton	Mrs Snios

Please note: the children in Fatima classes now, remain as Fatima i.e. YRF, Y1F, Y6F etc throughout the school – and the same with the Lourdes classes.

**Kidz.comm – support at end of term – summer opening**

In the week commencing Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July, Jane Lewis (Kidz.comm) is offering cover to parents who require childcare for that week. The provision will be available between 7.30am and 5.00pm each day. If you want to take up this offer, please go directly to Kidz.comm on 07736 399789.

Mrs Lewis is opening Kidz.comm for the first two weeks. **PLEASE go directly to her for all information.**



**Reading Recommendations**

Here are Miss Heath's (1F) recommendations...

One of her favourite books is 'No Matter What' by Debi Gliori because it is about setting any big worries to rest and it explains love is limitless, no matter what!

## Forward NOTICE

### Y6 Leavers' Mass

Our Leavers' Mass for our Y6 children will be celebrated on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30am. The mass will be attended by our Y4, Y5 and Y6 children only. This means that we can invite ONE parent to attend for each of our Y6 children who are leaving. Thank you for your support and understanding as, like you, we would have loved to have given them a whole school celebration.

Our customary 'bridge' of children's hands will not be allowed either, but there will be a 'guard of honour' of some kind for our Y6 children as they leave us at the end of the day.

### Special Celebration this Friday

Unknown to Miss Cusack, we have added a little message about a potential celebration we are hoping to have here in school from Friday midday. We can't say too much at this moment in time, except that *every* child should bring in a packed lunch. If, for whatever reason, this is not possible then school can provide one - just email the enquiry email address before Thursday morning. For this day only, as an additional treat, the healthy lunchbox rule can be *slightly* relaxed. And, thanks to the PTA, dessert will be provided. Pray for good weather!

### Message from the Chair of Governors

Mr Collins has asked me to say that an email message has been sent to all parents from him.

Yours sincerely,

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