



Archdiocese of Birmingham

## ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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10<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parent

### *March is dedicated to St Joseph*

#### **Y4F Class Assembly - Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> March – 9:15am.**

Please join Miss Horton's class who will continue to lead our school worship, this Lent, on Friday. Please do not be late for the start of the assembly as this disrupts the children – thank you. All welcome!

#### **Child led Assembly - Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

A group of our Y6 have prepared a prayerful and thought-provoking focus for Wednesday to which all are invited – 9.00am start.

#### **Covid-19:**

*In line with Public Health England, and all other bodies who are currently discussing this situation, we are encouraging the children to wash their hands thoroughly using the soap dispensers we have purchased for them. While we have a significant amount of soap in school at present, we are finding it very difficult to get more supplies. The children have been spoken to about not wasting this soap and playing with it. However, enormous amounts are being found in the sinks or on the floor and it is running out. Please speak to your child about courtesy and respect for school property/resources to support us in keeping them safe. Thank you!*

#### **Before School Dropoff**

I received an email last week from a concerned relative of a child at our school. It seems that a couple of weeks ago a reception child was left wandering around outside school before the gates were open. The person who contacted school made sure the child went in through the gates once open but the parent/carer was nowhere to be seen. Unfortunately, no names are known but this matter is very serious.

**Therefore, so that we are all very clear, the following is expected in order to keep our children safe:**

- 1] Adults **must** accompany their child until the school gates are opened and staff members are in their place of supervision.
- 2] NO child should be expected to come into the school alone – this includes children who are late – the adult must register them on the school system.
- 3] The sole remit of staff on the gate is the supervision of the children. If you need to pass on a message, go to the school office; please do not attempt to speak to the member of staff on duty.
- 4] Until the child has been passed over to a school member of the staff team, the parent/carer has total responsibility for him/her. As stated last week, please be vigilant with them and their whereabouts.

Second week of Lent



**Swimming Gala** – thank you Mr Clinton and Mrs Lassey for accompanying our group of children who attended the gala on Saturday evening. Well done to all the children and thank you, too!

A thought for us all to reflect on this Lent...

*Humility isn't thinking less of self;  
it isn't thinking of self at all.*

**INSET DAY- 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020**

Our fifth INSET day has now been booked for **1<sup>st</sup> June 2020**. Please note, this day the school will be closed to the children.

**The God who Speaks to us...**

*This is my Son, the beloved one.  
LISTEN to him.*

Yours sincerely,

*H M Cusack*

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