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ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent

November is dedicated to the Holy Souls

Y2L Class Mass – Friday, 15th November

Miss Walker and class will celebrate their own special liturgy on Friday. All welcome to come and share this prayerful occasion!

Condolences

We offer our love, support and prayers to Miss Lawlor, whose mother died during half term and will be laid to rest on Thursday. May God have mercy on her and grant her eternal rest. May He give strength to Alison and family, especially to her father.

Mrs Davis – Deputy Headteacher

Mrs Davis, will begin maternity leave in January as she prepares to give birth to her second child and she returns, much later next year.

Mrs Davis has excelled in her role as Deputy Head of St Mary's. In the first half term she has shown strength and commitment and has the potential to bring our school forward over the coming years. I and the Governors are very pleased with her appointment. I am particularly grateful for the way she led the school in my absence last week while I was in Ireland with my very ill mother-in-law, who subsequently died and was laid to rest within the week. My confidence in her leadership is very strong and I am thankful that the school's future is secure.



Music Week

Sadly, I missed the events and presentations of the work of the children. I understand it was a superb week and much enjoyed by children, staff and parents. My thanks to Mrs McConnell who conceived the ideas and managed the week throughout. CDs will be available to purchase – final orders by Friday 15th November – cash only! Thank you for supporting the children and for the fantastic turnout.

Winner of CD cover is Andrea in Y6! Well done!

Parking and Conservation

Please **DO NOT LEAVE CARS RUNNING** in the parish car park. The pollution is dangerous and we want our community to remain healthy and enjoy as much clean air as is possible in our congested city. We must all also be mindful of reducing our carbon emissions. You will be asked to turn your engines off. Repeat offenders will be refused entry. Thank you for your support.

Parking by the few selfish and inconsiderate members of our community remains an issue for the many. Please park within the confines of the Highway Code and for the safety of our children and families. Any issues with illegal and thoughtless parking would result in a lack of insurance protection!

Election Day – 12th December – SCHOOL CLOSED.

Our school premises will be used for polling for the General Election and therefore the school will be closed to children and staff on this date.



ODD Socks day

Today is officially 'odd socks day' but we intend to do this on Thursday – it is a light-hearted way to think about 'difference' and for the children to think about the beauty of difference. This may help them to focus on not drawing attention to the things that may incite unkindness and allow all to be happy, appreciated and healthy.

Message from PTA

This Friday is **Non Uniform Day** for all children. Children in Reception, Yr 1, 2 and 3 please bring in your sock filled with treats. Children in Yr 4, 5 and 6 please bring a bottled drink for the bottle tombola.

PTA meeting this Fri 3.45pm in school hall- All welcome.

Junior Film club on next Mon 18th- don't miss out! get your consent & payment in asap.

**Every time you smile at someone,
it is an action of love,
a gift to that person, a beautiful thing.**

Mother Teresa

“Book Bus”

On Thursday, the book bus will be visiting St Mary's. All children have timed slots planned into their day. Parents are invited to visit also and may use the following times 8:10-8:40 or 12:20-13:30 or 14:50-16:00. The bus will be parked in the car park adjacent to school. Many thanks to Mrs Woulfe for organising this event.

Headlice

We have been scourged with headlice in a few classes and the outbreak is spreading due to lack of treatment by some. **PLEASE** check your child's head and treat accordingly. All you need to do is to use a general conditioner and a headlice comb to thoroughly comb through and remove the eggs that may be embedded in your child's hair. Failure to remove all eggs will mean further treatment is required.

You may also need to check all family members as this infestation can only thrive if it is ignored. Some parents have had to treat their children on more than one occasion and are, quite rightly, annoyed that it keeps occurring. Let us support each other.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

