



Archdiocese of Birmingham

## ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent,

Welcome back to another school year. We ask God to bless us all with His great goodness and we pray that we may all do our part to work together with understanding, patience and hope. Let us bless the Lord in the way we work and live together as a school community.

### **Our school theme this year – to walk humbly with God and each other**

In addition to our established school family, we welcome all new families, children and staff. The children have returned looking very smart, thank you!

## **September is dedicated to the Sorrows of Mary.**

### **Whole School Mass**

On Friday we shall celebrate our first school mass together - please join us. Mass begins at 9:30am in the church.

### **New Beginning of Day arrangements:**

We have decided that, in order for the children to begin their learning in a calm and considered way, they should go straight to their classroom once the school gate is opened. There will still be staff on the gate to direct and protect the children, but once in the playground, they should enter school immediately. Class based staff will be waiting to receive the children. We are hopeful that this will allow staff to have more time to chat to the children and give them time to share their news before the day begins.

### **Swimming**

Swimming lessons begin next week and our Y2 children will spend this term developing their skills. Please be mindful that swimming is a statutory part of the curriculum and all children, when in school, must participate. If they are not well enough to go swimming, they should not be in school. Thank you.

### **After-School Clubs**

Our after school clubs will begin next week. Letters will be going out this week. Mr Clinton is organising these events this year.

### **Some preliminary Dates**

Rite of Welcome – for our new Reception children and families	27 <sup>th</sup> September
MacMillan Coffee Morning	27 <sup>th</sup> September
Harvest Mass	27 <sup>th</sup> September

Parent Consultations	15 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> October
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### **School Housekeeping!**

This is to remind you that the following items are not allowed in school for the children:

- Mobile phones
- Watches that can take photographs or receive the internet
- Dangling earrings or hoops
- Nail varnish

Please support us in this – thank you.

### **School Dinners**

The cost for school meals this half term is £91.65. Please pay via School Gateway.

### **School Fund**

If you do not already give to the Gift Aid fund, please give to our school fund. We ask for £5 per term per family which is just £15 per year. This supports us in providing a little extra for the children.

### **School Hall Floor**

Our new floor looks absolutely wonderful and is safe and more comfortable for the children to play and sit on. They were told this morning that they are making history by being the very first group of children to sit on it. We hope that the floor will last for the next 50 years (as the last one did)!

My thanks to Mrs Vincent and Mr Reid who liaised with and organised the work schedule of this long-awaited project. Also, many thanks to the Governors who supported the opening and closing of the school during the summer holiday. And, of course, our thanks to you, the parents via our PTA who helped secure the replacement of our old and well-worn former floor. Thank you so much.



Humility is the one  
single factor that leads  
us to God directly without  
any struggle and  
confusion.

Yours sincerely



H M Cusack  
Headteacher