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Dear Parent

September is dedicated to Mary, Mother of Sorrows

Class and Assembly Rotas 2019-2020

The rota is now available on the school website under Parent Tab. As always it may be subject to change should something happen to prevent us being able to honour the date given. We would always strive to notify you as soon as possible in this unlikely event.



... to our new Reception children and families 2019. The children began school induction yesterday and will begin fulltime in the week of 23rd September. We officially welcome them at the Rite of Welcome on Friday, 27th September during our school mass.

New Beginning of Day arrangements:

I hope you all appreciate the new arrangements. School is calm and the children are far more quickly settled for their day. We believe it is working very well.

FRONT DOOR – AUTOMATED

Our entrance door is now automated and working. In order to gain entry, press the intercom buzzer **THEN STAND WELL BACK**, there is no need to touch the door. Due to the required safety features any interference with the door will stop it from functioning correctly. Thank you!



Roald Dahl Day on Friday

On Friday, children will celebrate 'Roald Dahl Day.' Years 2 -6 will take part in an interactive lesson broadcast across the country by BBC, celebrating Dahl's most well-loved texts and using these to help improve their own writing. Reception and Year 1 will also share a Roald Dahl story and discuss their favourite characters. Look out for our upcoming tweets about our favourite Roald Dahl books!

Some preliminary Dates

Rite of Welcome – for our new Reception children and families
MacMillan Coffee Morning
Harvest Mass
Parent Consultations

27th September
27th September
27th September
15th & 17th October



Harvest Festival – 27th September 2019

Our Mass for the Harvest is our thanksgiving to our God for the provisions we receive. As part of our appreciation we give some of our excess to the homeless of our City. Therefore, we ask you to send in any packets or tins from your store cupboard so that we can donate to the Fireside Centre. **Foods sent in should be with us no later than Thursday 26th September.** Thank you, as always, for your generosity.

Rite of welcome: We also invite our new reception children to join us and we thank God for them as we offer them to His love, generosity and care at this starting point in their school lives.

Whoever eats food without giving thanks steals from God

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.

ALDI Kit for Schools

St Mary's is taking part in Aldi's Kit for Schools promotion this September, giving us a chance to win £20,000 to kick start a health legacy for our school. We are asking parents to pick up a Team GB sticker whenever they spend £30 in any Aldi store and bring the sticker into school so it can be added to our Kit for Schools poster.

Hopefully, when our poster is completed, we will receive a school sports kit and a chance to win funding to build upon the wonderful sports work already done here!

After School Clubs

Letters have now gone out to Yrs 1-6 regarding afterschool club letters. There were thirty places available for each day (Tuesday – Friday). A lot of these places have now been filled.

If you still wish your child to have a place, please return the form as soon as possible to the school office, addressed FAO Mr Clinton. Unfortunately, places cannot be guaranteed due to the thirty child limit but any remaining places can still be filled.

Year Band(s)	Day	Places available	Finish time
One	Tuesday	9	4.30
Two	Thursday	8	4.30
Three and Four	Wednesday	12	4.45
Five and Six	Friday	15	4.45

All forms that were returned today (Tuesday) have been granted a place.

Please ensure a prompt pick up at the end of the sports session so staff are not left waiting past the allocated finish time.

Yours sincerely

H M Cusack
Headteacher