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Dear Parent

Harvest 2017 & Rite of Welcome / Macmillan Coffee Morning

Please join us for our celebration of Harvest on Friday 29th September – we give thanks to the generosity of our God and are reminded that there are many in our city who do not have what we do. Our mass begins at 9:30am in the church and will include a Rite of Welcome for our new Reception children.

Macmillan Coffee Morning is taking place in the parish hall all morning also – please pop in and have a coffee – every donation goes to the Macmillan Charity.



Welcome to our new Site Manager

Mr Alan Reid started his duties yesterday as our new Site Manager. We are delighted to welcome him to our school team and we are sure that he will continue to build us a place of security and cleanliness. Please say 'hello' if you see him around the premises.

THRASS Workshop

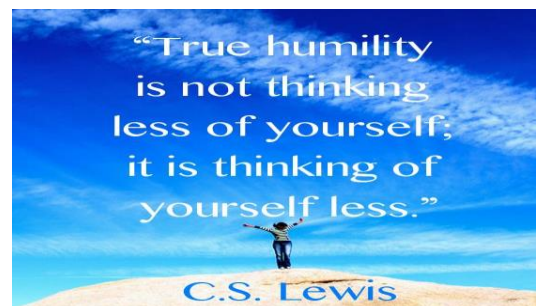
You will have received notification form Mrs Russell about the Thrass workshop she is leading next Wednesday 4th October. If you want a refresher or are a new parent, please come along. The workshop takes place in the school hall and starts at 6pm.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS To book you appointment to see your child's teacher you will need to do so via the school website. Slots are for ten minutes between 3.30 and 6.10 on either Tuesday 17th or Thursday 19th October.

Bookings can be made from Friday (29th), Mr Clinton will organise new usernames and passwords for the Reception parents, and can be contacted by any parents who may have an issue with their account at forgottenpassword@stmaryrc.bham.sch.uk

Sacrament of Confirmation: There is a parent meeting tonight for those who have requested that their child is to go forward to receive this Sacrament in May 2018.

Cancellation of after school clubs – CHOIR & FOOTBALL WILL NOT BE RUNNING ON Monday 2nd October due to a staff meeting. Please collect your child as normal. Thank you.





Parking Problems!!!

Mr Blaney was asked by some parents to see for himself the irresponsible parking of a minority of car users at the beginning of the school day between 8:20 and 8:50. He reported back today that a great number of parents walk in with their children from beyond Vivian Road – this is to be praised and encouraged for all parents to do.

The problems:

Parents are parking in the designated bays (see picture 2) on Vivian Road beyond 8:30 - the school gates are open to the children at 8:30 - disregarding the no parking times of between 8:30 - 9:30. Others, also looking to park on Vivian Road, drop off or even park up on the 'zig zag' lines – **a no stopping area** (see picture 1). Still others funnel into Vivian Close or the access to Heathcote House. The latter is a private area (see picture 3) – a parking fine of £100 is threatened. Vivian Close has designated spaces for the residents, their visiting carers and there are two dedicated spaces for Fr John and the Priory.

We have sent flyers home yesterday to remind parents about their parking responsibilities.

Please consider your own behaviour and make a commitment to change it if you are one of the main offenders! This would mean that alternative parking away from Vivian Road has to be your choice; less convenient for you but safer for the children.

Thank you if you are one of the majority who make the children's safety and the importance of a harmonious relationship with our neighbours and fellow road users their priority.

Yours sincerely,

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