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Dear Parent

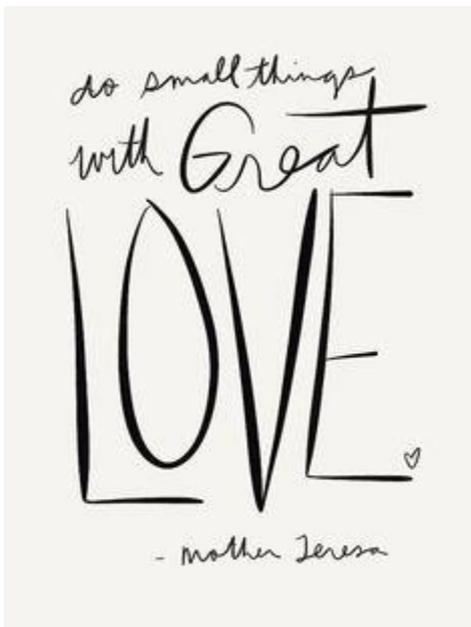
Welcome back to the new school year. I trust that you all enjoyed quality family time, sunshine and happiness. We are grateful that the children have returned safe, tidy and ready to learn.

Opening Mass of this School Year – Friday 9th September

You are all welcome to share in the first school mass of this year, at 9:30 in the church, where we offer all our opportunities and outcomes to our Father God, for his blessing and redemption.

During the summer break Miss Cook's mother died very suddenly and so we ask you to keep her, her father and brother in your prayers. Mrs Cook was laid to rest last week and our prayer and belief is that God, in his love and mercy, grants her eternal rest and peace. Miss Cook welcomes your support but asks for privacy during this time of grief. Thank you.

School Mission & Ethos



We continue to build up the seeds of virtues and our focus this term is "**Loving and Compassionate**". We combine our focus with the message of Mother Teresa of Calcutta who was made a Saint on Sunday – 'do little things with great love'. Please encourage the children to go out of their way to 'put on love' with each other and within the home.

In keeping with last year's and ongoing focus of '**generous and grateful**' we also encourage the prolific use of "please and thank you" in and around school and home. Thank you!

End of Day Arrangements

A really big thank you for your patience with us yesterday as we began our new end of day arrangements. The system certainly seemed to work well and your cooperation was a huge factor in this. It is crucial that those of you with only infant children leave as soon as you have collected your child/ren. If you need to speak with a teacher please enter into the school building where you will be asked to wait until the teacher is available. If it is a planned meeting then please make the appointment in advance. We need to avoid congestion building up so that the system works equally well for our infant and junior parents and pupils. We really appreciate your support for this continued smooth running of our dismissal of children. We welcome your thoughts and feedback and will review the new arrangements at half term.

Dates for Your Diary

We have pencilled in some dates relevant to this term and provide them for you today. This list will be updated regularly.

September

6 th	Y2 – Walk around Harborne locality (geography focus)		
8 th	Y4-Y6 midday Mass – Nativity of Mary		
9 th	Y1-Y6 School Mass – opening for new school year	9:30	Church
14 th	Y3 – Violin taster session assembly		
30 th	Harvest Mass/Rite of Welcome/Macmillan Coffee morning	9.30	Church

October

3 rd	THRASS workshop for parents	18:00	Hall
12 th	Parent Consultation meetings	15.45-18.15	
13 th	Parent Consultation meetings	15.45-18.15	
21 st	School Council (juniors) to Houses of Parliament		
	Break up for half term	15:15/15:30	
31 st	Return to school	8:45	

November

1 st	School Mass – All Saints	10:00	Church
11 th	Remembrance Assembly		

December

1 st	KS2 – Theatre Trip – Treasure Island		Rep. Theatre
8 th	Immaculate Conception - Exposition of Blessed Sacrament		Hall
9 th	Reception Classes – Nativity	10:00	Church
14 th	KS1 Nativity	19:00	Hall
15 th	KS1 Nativity	19:00	Hall
19 th	KS2 Y4-Y6 Carol Service	19:00	Church
21 st	End of term Mass	9:30	Church
	Break up	15:15/15:30.	

Yours sincerely,



H. M. Cusack
Headteacher

Messages from Fr John ~

YEAR 3 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS: please check your child's school bag for a yellow letter about registering in the Parish Office for this year's First Holy Communion course.

YEAR 6 CONFIRMATION PARENTS: please check your child's school bag for an orange letter about registering in the Parish Office for this year's Confirmation course.

DAILY 8.30am MASS: drop off, - then drop in. St Mary's Church.

About Being Catholic. Do you want to know more about the beliefs, prayers and services of Catholics, - so as better to help and understand your child's faith? The ABC course begins with a tour of St Mary's Church, 7.30pm, Thursday 6th October. Or see Father John at the gates.