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Dear Parent

Y5H Class Mass
Please join our Y5H children as they celebrate mass together on Friday at 9:15am. It is a lovely way to begin a new year and term together. All welcome.

Reception Nativity Photos:
Any parent who would like to order a Nativity group photo of Reception children taken following the Nativity dress rehearsal can do so by sending in £1.50 per print addressed FAO Mr Sheehan. The deadline for orders is Friday 20thJanuary.

Thought for the week:
'In prayer it is better to have a heart without words, than words without a heart.' (J. Bunyan)
Can we apply this beautiful thought to all of our interactions with one another this week?

Entering School on Wet Mornings
Some new parents may be uncertain about the routine for coming into school on particularly wet or snowy/ icy mornings. Between 8:30 – 8:43:
INFANT children should enter through the front doors and go straight to their classroom where an adult will be waiting.
JUNIOR children will enter via the side gate and cross the playground to their relevant classrooms where, again, an adult will be waiting.
The staff on duty will also be at the doors and gate to welcome the children in. If you are uncertain, please speak with a more experienced parent who will hopefully direct you! Thank you.
Late arrivals (after 8:43) – Infant or Junior – will need to come in through the main entrance and parents of the children 'log in' to the new system as explained in last week's newsletter.

Y2 Parent Meeting – Wednesday 18th January
Please join us for the meeting which will outline the whys and wherefores of Y2 end of year assessments which are a statutory element of being in KS1. If you have yet to sign up it is not too late. The meeting takes place in the school hall at 6pm.

Parents' Evenings – Spring Term 2017
We shall be holding our consultation evenings in March – 21st and 23rd between 3.40pm – 6.10pm. It is really important that all parents meet with their child's teacher to discuss progress and targets as well as attitudes and behaviour in school. Mr Clinton will set up the Learning Platform so that you can book your appointments on the school website. These booking times will start on 28th February at 4pm and end on 10th March at midday. Any parents not making an appointment will be sent a time and day from the remaining slots.

*If you have forgotten your username or password for the learning platform, please do **NOT** contact the office. Instead, email your details to forgottenpassword@stmaryrc.bham.sch.uk and a username reminder and new password will be emailed out to you.*

Reception Classes – SUPER HERO Day!

Our Reception children and staff will be dressing up as super heroes for the day on MONDAY 23rd January. Please ensure that your child comes to school already dressed in their outfit. Thank you!

Spare Socks…

With our typically wet climate, it is most uncomfortable for children to spend the day in wet socks if they have walked through a puddle on the way into school. It may be helpful if each child had a spare pair of socks for this purpose – so that they can change into dry footwear.   This will help us as we do not have an inordinate amount of spare clothing. Thank you.

ADMISSIONS – September 2017

Please ensure that you have completed the School Information Form for your child as it is a crucial part of the application process.   Last day for receipt of these forms is 1st February 2017.

Finally, many congratulations to Mr & Mrs Stone. Mrs Stone was safely delivered of a baby girl on Sunday - Sophia Rose Stone born 13.1.17 at 15.53 weighing 7lb 7oz.

Yours sincerely,

HMCusack

H. M. Cusack
Headteacher