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Dear Parent

November is dedicated to the Holy Souls

During the month of November, we remember our beloved dead.

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Anti-Bullying Week – ‘United Against Bullying’ – 16th – 20th November

One of the most current forms of bullying takes place on-line. We have recently discovered that a number of our children are using TikTok – NO child at St Mary's should be using this site. It is full of the most inappropriate material. I understand that some children are using it to film themselves and others are using this as a form of threat. Parents, you must monitor your child's internet access and ensure parental controls are properly in place.

The world of the web can be a dark and scary place! Please be vigilant in how you protect your child there.

13 years old

TikTok requires users to be at least 13 years old to access its platform. 9 Oct 2018

www.fosi.org › [good-digital-parenting](#) › [what-families-ne...](#)

FOSI | What Families Need to Know about TikTok



Christmas Celebrations 2020

The children will be recorded on 11th December and the 'performances' / services will be uploaded to a private YouTube channel. You will need a password to log in (which will be provided). However, to keep in line with Data Protection (& GDPR) regulations, we will need to send out a slip for you to grant permission for your child to participate. Failure to return the slip will mean your child will not take part as, by law, we need **affirmative** consent – we cannot assume consent.

The God Who Speaks...

“...You are all sons (and daughters) of light and of the day...”

St Mary's Church – open for private prayer and Live-stream Mass.

Fr John has asked me to communicate the times he is opening the church for private prayer and Mass.

Monday to Friday: Church open for private prayer and lighting candles 8.30 - 9.30; 2.00 - 4.00.

Live-streamed Mass from St Mary's: 8.00 Monday - Friday; 10.30 Sundays

Prayer is very important in these days so if this helps you please come in or log in.

Classes Isolating:

We are in the unfortunate position of isolating 3 classes due to positive COVID tests. We always suspected that these winter months may lead to more cases so we all need to be resolute in our actions and determination to prevent infection spread. PLEASE follow all guidelines so that we can continue to function fully at school. Thank you!

Punctuality – Arriving at School: As we have now reverted to our normal opening time there is the expectation that all children arrive on time for 8.43 – to begin their school day at 8.45. Children not in by the stated time will now be marked as late and punctuality will be monitored. It is really important to help the children to develop good habits

Ordinary Time – Week 33: 'For to anyone who has more will be given...'

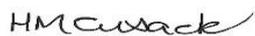


Admissions – 2021

Please ensure that you have returned the SIF (Supplementary Information Form) if you have a child who you want to register for St Mary's in September. This form is an essential element of our admissions.

As we cannot have an open invitation to allow you to come into school, we have a 'virtual tour' of the school with a focus on Reception. This should help all those currently outside of our school community to make a more informed decisions about our school for their child. The virtual tour should be ready for us to put on line by the end of this week.

Yours sincerely,



H M Cusack
Headteacher