



Archdiocese of Birmingham

## ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary

16<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Dear Parent

#### Y2 Class Mass

Please join Miss Nicholson's class for their own special Mass on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> October. All welcome.

#### Sincere Condolences

We are deeply saddened by the untimely death of Mr Gair RIP. Our love and support are extended to Mrs Gair and family at this dreadfully sad time. Please continue to pray for them and all in our school family who are currently experiencing such loss.

*Holy Mary  
Mother of God  
pray for us sinners now  
and at the hour of our death.  
Amen.*



#### Parents' Evenings

Please ensure that you have an appointment to meet with your child's teacher. The children's work will be available to view and will support the discussions you have with the teacher. Your child's education is far too important for it not to be a close collaboration between school and home. Very sadly, we have a small group of children who are not as well encouraged at home as others. This can have a detrimental effect on their learning attitudes and behaviours. This meeting time is a way to support you to support your child more fully.

Please remember that each appointment is 10 minutes. If you need more time then you will need to make another, mutually agreed, appointment.



#### Lost Property:

There is a 'lost property bin' in the parent shelter. However, we continually have items left lying around school. We will put all items on tables in the front of the school and ask you to sift through to retrieve your child's lost items. Alternatively, please help yourselves to anything that is not labelled.

#### Dates for your Diaries – update

##### **Oct:**

17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultations	15.40-18:15
19 <sup>th</sup>	Y2F Class Mass	9.15
23 <sup>rd</sup>	PTA's AGM	19.30 (Hall)
24 <sup>th</sup>	School Photographs (Individual/siblings)**	
25 <sup>th</sup>	Children break up for half term	

##### **Nov:**

5 <sup>th</sup>	Return to school	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Open afternoon for prospective parents	13.45 – 15.00
9 <sup>th</sup>	Y4L Class Mass	9.15
	PTA School Disco (see below)	
15 <sup>th</sup>	Internet Safety Assembly for KS2***	9.30
16 <sup>th</sup>	Y6F Class Assembly	9.15 (hall)

23 <sup>rd</sup>	Y5F Class Assembly	9.15 (hall)
24 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Christmas Fayre	12.00 – 15.00
27 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 Fire Station visit	9.30 – 11.00
	PTA – Infant Film Night	15.30
28 <sup>th</sup>	YR to Ash End House Farm	
30 <sup>th</sup>	Y6L Class Assembly	9.15 (hall)

#### Dec:

3 <sup>rd</sup>	KS2 Penitential	13.40 – 14.45
4 <sup>th</sup>	PTA's - Junior Film Night	15.40-
7 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Nativity	10.00 (Church)
	Y4F Class Assembly	9.15 (hall)
10 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Nativity dress rehearsal 1 (school children)	
11 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 – Repertory Theatre – Wizard of Oz	am only
	KS1 Nativity (Y2 + Y1L)	19.00
12 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Nativity dress rehearsal 2 (school children)	
13 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Nativity (Y2 + Y1F)	19.00
14 <sup>th</sup>	Y3 Christmas Assembly	9.30 (hall)
	Christmas Jumper Day	
	Christmas Dinner	
17 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Christmas Party	
18 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Christmas Party	
19 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Carol Service	19.00 (Church)
20 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Christmas Party	
21 <sup>st</sup>	Christmas Mass	9.30 (Church)

#### **\*\*School Photographs**

On 24<sup>th</sup> October our photographer will be in to take individual/sibling photos. If you wish to have pre-school siblings included, you will need to be in school by 8:15 so that these photographs can be completed before school begins at 8:45.

#### **\*\*\*Internet Safety for KS2**

We have arranged for an external theatrical company - specialised in the teaching of internet safety - to lead our KS2 children in an assembly about this very important and modern phenomenon. Please ask your children what they have learnt and consistently learn at school about keeping safe on line. Although they may be able to teach you a thing or two in this area of safety, **it remains vitally important that you are vigilant in your child's use of all things internet!**

#### **Inset Day – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October... Reminder**

Next Friday, the school is closed to the children and therefore they finish for half term on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October.

PTA Notice:

**School Disco Friday 9th November 18.30 - 20.30 in St Mary's Parish Centre**

The PTA presents the '**Masquerade Party**'. Only 300 tickets available, on sale from your class rep or from any PTA Committee member, from Wednesday 17th October.

#### **IMPORTANT: Year 6 Secondary Transfers for 2019**

Parents need to submit an application to <https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions> by midnight on **31st October 2018** in order for them to receive their school offer on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019. Applications received after 31st October will be considered as late.

Yours sincerely,

*HMCusack*

H. M. Cusack, Headteacher