



Archdiocese of Birmingham

## ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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11<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Dear Parent,

### **Eucharistic Congress 2018**

This past weekend, England and Wales has had the privilege of hosting the first National Eucharistic Congress for 110 years, it was held in Liverpool and was called Adoremus. Eucharistic Congresses are gatherings of clergy, religious and laity which promote an *awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Church*. The last International Eucharistic Congress in England was held in 1908. We pray that it will be a time of grace, healing and renewal.

Archbishop Bernard Longley will speak to us all today via a live stream and has invited all schools in our Archdiocese to join in. At St Mary's we will be linking in and have the privilege of having the Blessed Sacrament exposed in the school hall at the same time. We offer each and every child, parent and staff member to the love of God and pray that we will all learn to know that our true peace, hope and love can only be found when Jesus is the centre of our lives.

### **Welcome to our new Reception children**

Our new Reception children started school yesterday. We welcome them all and their families, particularly those who are new members of our school family.

### **Final Farewell**

The Requiem Mass for Mrs Teresa Panther will be held at St Mary's on Thursday (13<sup>th</sup>) after which, Teresa will be laid to rest. We remember Paco and the children at this saddest of times. May God strengthen them all and may Teresa rest in eternal peace until we all meet again.

### **Assembly and Mass Rota 2018-2019**

The new rota will be posted on our school website by the end of the week. If you require a hard copy please send a note into your child's teacher. Thank you.

### **School Uniforms**

Please, please put names on your child's uniform items so that when they are left lying around School – in this I include cardigans, jumpers and coats - the (expensive) item can be returned to its rightful owner. We are already building up a pile – only 5 days into the new year!

### **Inset Day – school closed to children.**

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October – will be a teacher training day and although we will be on site, the school is closed to the children. The children will therefore break up for half term on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October.

### **After School Clubs**

Mr Davis is running two clubs after school and has written to parents of those children who will be invited to attend this term. Mr Davis is replacing Solihull Moors his year. After School Chess club will begin tomorrow, Wednesday for Years 3 & 4 and Thursday for Years 5 & 6.



Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them humanity cannot survive.

Dalai Lama

Dates for your Diaries – this half term (more dates will be added):

**Sept:**

11<sup>th</sup> Celebrating Adoremus  
28<sup>th</sup> Harvest Mass/Rite of Welcome/Macmillan Coffee Morning (see below)

**Oct:**

3<sup>rd</sup> THRASS Workshop for new parents - hall 18:30  
17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Parent Consultations 15.40-18:15  
24<sup>th</sup> School Photographs  
25<sup>th</sup> Children break up for half term

**MacMillan Coffee Morning**

If you cannot attend the Coffee Morning on the 28th you may wish to donate by text. Please text this code **MUG QDW9 to 70550**. Texts cost £5 plus standard network charge. It will be counted as part of the Coffee Morning total and **100% of the money goes to the cause.**

Yours sincerely,

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