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Dear Parent

JULY: IS DEDICATED TO THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD

YRL Class Mass – Friday 5th July

Please join us for our Reception class mass on Friday. Mrs Russell and Mrs Woulfe's children would love your company for this liturgical celebration. All welcome.

Staff Changes 2019

We welcome new staff for September 2019 and are delighted with our recruits!

Mr Natynczuk – has been working in another school and has joined us to broaden his experience and build up his skills. He will be working alongside Mrs Noone in Y6.

Mr Campbell-Cave, also an experienced teacher who wishes to build up his repertoire and experiences.

Miss Walker and Miss Bennett will be joining us as relatively new teachers.

The children will be meeting their new teachers tomorrow and will spend the morning with them. Our Y6 children will be going to their Y7 schools and our new Reception children will have their induction time too.

Mr Blaney

I would also like to remind you that Mr Blaney will be stepping down as Deputy Headteacher at the end of term. We have worked together for over 15 years and he has been a wonderful colleague, companion and support. I could not have asked for a better deputy over all these years. I thank God that his experience, integrity and support will remain with St Mary's for at least the coming year as he will continue to work on as our SENCo and DSL Lead.

In brief ...

This year we say goodbye to Mr Davis who is going to work in another school; Miss Hill who is transferring to another school; Miss Hall who is going to work in Alton Castle. Mrs Nagle is also leaving us and is giving up teaching to focus on family.

Our love and thanks go with all of our leaving staff. We wish them all the very best as they journey forward and we ask God to guide and protect them.

Party in the Playground

The weather contributed to a very successful and enjoyable evening. Many thanks to PTA Committee and members who worked so hard to make this event run so smoothly. Our huge thanks to Mr Reid for his unstinting dedication and entertainment. To our staff members who supported the event. **Thank you all!**

Message from St Mary's Parish

"St Mary's Parish Midsummer Madness Community Fayre.

Sunday 7th July, 12:00-3:00pm at St Mary's Parish Church. The event will be held in the playground and in the church halls. Please come and enjoy the afternoon where there will be a children's zoo, story teller, circus skills, pig roast, international food, tombola, stalls and much more!! A raffle with fantastic prizes and adult and children's fancy dress competition! Free entry and a great opportunity to support the church."

Vocations Week ~ Thank you for last week;

Thank you to all those adults who gave up their time to come into school to speak to the children regarding their vocation - how they respond to God's calling in their own lives. Mr Quinn from 'Arcadis' spoke to Y6 about civil engineering, Cllr Fowler came into speak to Y3 and Y4 about local government, and Cllr Jayne Francis did the same for Y5 and Y6. Preet Gill, our local MP, spoke to the whole of Key Stage Two about her work in Parliament. Emma Capp, parent of Lewis in Year Six, played cello for the whole of Key Stage One and then Key Stage Two. She talked about her work as a cellist and the practice involved to be a professional. Mr Nunes, father of Benjamin and Samuel, spoke to Y3 about his work at Aston University. Mr Briant spoke to Y2 about the Paralympics, and Mr Kalala spoke to Y1 & 2 about working for National Express. Y5 heard from Mr George Walters, a local magistrate. The children also heard from our own Mr Sheehan about his earlier career as a photographer; Miss Hill spoke to the children about her calling as a teacher. We also had the great privilege of hearing from two deacons from Oscott College – Kevin and Stephen – about their calling and training to be priests. The children thoroughly enjoyed the week and now know how others in our community use their gifts, talents and response to God's call to help others. We are abundantly blessed with dedicated and supportive adults in our school community!

Music concerts

There are two afternoon concerts next week – on Monday 8th July at 2.15 pm for piano and guitar and on Thursday 11th July at 2.15 pm for piano and violin. *Ms Kata's piano pupils know which day that they are performing.* The music teachers will have contacted parents of children performing to invite them along and all are welcome!

WOW bags – at the Midsummer Madness



You will be able to buy some 'Wow' bags at the Parish event this Sunday. Mr Blaney will have a pitch at the fete - please look out for him and buy a bag for a very worthy cause, to help provide a better future for the hard pressed women of Manila and their children as part of the environmentally caring **WOW** project.

& Wow pencil cases - at school :

There are more than **100 pencil cases** in our WOW delivery to be made available to the children in Y3 to Y5 this week. They are beautiful, quite unique, extremely colourful and very hard wearing. The plastic drink pouches that they are made from has been collected and recycled to prevent them ending up in land fill or ocean. Mr Blaney will sell these each Thursday break time from this week at a cost of £5.00. Please help the children support this worthy project by sending them in with their money this Thursday for Year 3 to 5.



Hall Floor - AT LAST ... I can finally inform you that we will be having our new hall floor laid during the summer vacation – hooray!!!
The lagging of the pipes under the hall floor are in need of renovation and this will need to be completed before the actual floor is laid. However, the contractors are sorted, signed up and ready to begin. We are so grateful for the support from our parent body via our PTA for the funds raised to help pay for this. Thank you!

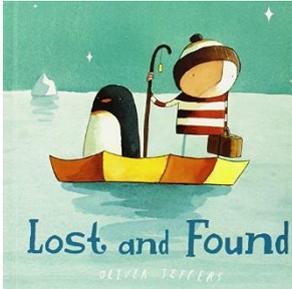
Photo Orders

Your orders must be returned to school by 4th July. If you do not place orders by then, you can order on line via the website on the photograph envelope.

REMINDER

Please log into the Gateway and check your school meals account and see if there is an outstanding payment to be made – by 5th July please.

School Books 'Amnesty'



Please go through your cupboards, look under beds and behind sofas for any school book that belongs to our school, including school library books and our banded readers. **Return all by Monday 8th July – thank you.**

Yours sincerely

HM Cusack

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