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ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent

Y6L Class Mass

On Friday 20th September our first class mass of the year will be celebrated. Please join Mrs Noone and her children for this special occasion. Class masses begin at 9.15am. All welcome.

Rite of Welcome – new Reception – 27th September/Harvest Mass

During our Harvest mass, next week, we will formally 'receive' our new reception children into our school and Catholic community. We ask parents to take children to the church in time for mass and then **ONE** parent/adult to accompany them to their pre-arranged seating place alongside their school buddy. All other adults with the reception children should find a place in another part of the church – please cooperate with us as there is insufficient room for more than one adult with each reception child. From here, the children will be accompanied into school with their Y6 'buddy' and this is symbolic of the very important tripartite relationship between home/parish/school.

Harvest offerings – please sure that all finds are in school by Thursday 19th September. These offerings are passed to the Fireside Centre to feed the hungry and homeless of our city.



Head Boy and Head Girl

I am so pleased to inform you that our new Head Boy is Thomas Gair and our Head Girl is Rosalie Kahn. Here are their thoughts on their new positions:

Rosalie: 'Thank you all for choosing me for head girl. I will do my best to be a role model for younger children and to represent our school in the best possible way.'

Thomas: 'Thank you for giving me this important role. I will try to share the love of God and leave a heartprint on everybody. I am looking forward to making the school a better place and being a peacemaker.'

Expectations at St Mary's

You will all be aware that we hold the highest expectations for and of our pupils as indeed, you do of us. Our pupils are made aware of the boundaries from very early on and respond exceptionally well, in the main. Our children are highly commended for their conduct and good manners in and when out of school, as a member of St Mary's. This is something we are very proud of and you must be also.

In order to give best witness to our children, it is crucial that the communication between parent and staff member is of the highest quality. We will not accept rude, disrespectful or ill-mannered treatment towards any member of our staff. Please, whenever you have something to discuss or query in regard to your child, arrange to meet with a member of staff at a mutually convenient time and be prepared to listen to the member of staff's account in a shared and open discussion.

Thank you to the majority of our parents who are always respectful and grateful for all that we do - and share in what we aspire - for the children to become their best selves.



Nut Allergies – we have a number of children with nut allergies and therefore, we ask that children do not bring nuts into school in their lunch packs. We do this to safeguard all of our children and need full cooperation. Children can enjoy these nutritious items of food outside of the school day. So... **NO to NUTS (in school)** – thank you!

Curriculum and Learning at St Mary's

The focus on the wider school curriculum in something we want to celebrate and move forward on. We are in the process of defining more local curriculum for the children. To this end, there may be more visits arranged and visitors brought into school. Over the course of this school year, we are planning 'focus weeks' as we were delighted last year with their success and appeal for all children.

Focus Weeks (planned so far):

Autumn Term: Multifaith/multiculture (October); Maths week (November); Music week (November)

Spring term: STEM week (January); Reading week (March)

Summer term: Olympics/Health & Fitness (June)

More information regarding visits and visitors for these events will be provided in due course.

Remember ...

God dwells wherever we let him in.

Ancient Jewish Saying

Yours sincerely



H M Cusack
Headteacher