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Dear Parent

The Month of March is dedicated to St Joseph



Wednesday – 6th March – Ash Wednesday

Please join us for our school mass on Ash Wednesday, when we begin our Lenten journey. Mass begins at 10.00. This is a great reminder of our smallness before our God and how much in need of His love, mercy and forgiveness we all are.

*The ashes on our forehead and the ancient discipline
of prayer, fasting and almsgiving,
are visible signs that we are indeed penitent pilgrims, praying from our hearts:
'Lord, I am a poor sinner, but you can work the miracle of making me a little
better.'*

Cardinal Vincent Nichols

Lenten Charities

We have been approached by many children this year to adopt a charity of their choosing and it is great to see their faith turning into acts of charity this Lenten time. Classes will be paired to support fundraising – youngest with oldest children.

- Reception with Y6; Y1 with Y5; Y2 with Y4 and Y3.

The charities we are adopting this Lent are: Pulmonary Fibrosis, nominated by Thomas Gair; Little Princess Trust, nominated by Robyn O'Donnell; Dementia Revolution, nominated by Miss Horton and Kenelm Youth – for a Brazilian Orphanage, nominated by Miss Hall.

Parent Evening Appointments:

A number of parents have been contacting the school via enquiry@stmaryrc.bham.sch.uk to find out their log in details to book an appointment. Since Mrs Shepherd manages this email, and it is extremely busy, please refrain from using it for this purpose.

We have set up an email for those who need a refresher and this is managed by Mr Clinton. Should you need your details please go to forgottenpassword@stmaryrc.bham.sch.uk

Mr Clinton has said that all parents should use their **first name/dot/surname as user ID**. He thinks this is where some confusion is being found. You cannot log in using your email as this will not be recognised (I hope this makes sense).

Dance on Tuesdays

Dance begins at 7.45 each Tuesday this term but some of the children, worryingly, are arriving much too early, standing outside the building without an adult to supervise them. Please wait with your child until the dance club 'opens for business' at 7.45 for their safety. Thank you.

World Book Day:

A reminder that World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March where children are invited to dress up / represent a favourite book character and to have the book of their choice with them. Books for the 'Book Swap' should also be brought in on Thursday. Only those who have books to swap will be

invited to choose another. There is also the opportunity to browse and buy books at Scholastic Book Fair from Tuesday 5th March until Thursday 7th March between 3.30pm and 4.00pm. Many thanks to Mrs Keating and Mrs Woulfe who have organised the day for our children.

School Dinners

Mrs Shepherd has asked me to remind parents that they must notify her if there is a change in dinner arrangements within the school day. If your child is currently having packed lunch and changes to school dinners, we MUST be notified in writing so that arrangements can be made to order more food. The same applies to those who change from school dinners to packed lunches. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "HM Cusack". The letters are cursive and fluid, with a long horizontal stroke at the end of the word "Cusack".

Helena Cusack
Headteacher