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Dear Parent

The Month of March is dedicated to St Joseph



Wednesday – 13th March – Stay & Pray

Please join our Y1 – Y6 children for their daily Meditation each Wednesday morning of Lent. All welcome. The Meditation will begin at 9:00am for approximately 10 minutes. A great way to start the day!

Y5F Class Mass – Friday 15th March

All welcome to join Mrs Keating and her class for Mass. The prayers of the children are a wonderful testament to their growing faith. Class Masses begin at 9:15am.

Celebrating St Patrick

We shall have a school celebration on the afternoon of Friday (15th) with our Junior children. We need to keep praying for peace in, and with, Ireland and that there is no return to hostilities between our countries. The children should all wear green on Friday - £1 donation per child which will go towards our Lenten charities. Thank you.

A note from Fr John re: St Patrick's Parish Celebration

Mr Alan Reid to lead – Parish Centre - 7.30pm - Friday 15th.

Tickets: £20 family and children; £6.50 single; £5 single from Felicity or Imelda or Parish Office. Take a break from Lent: eat, drink, sing, dance, - monies go to Asylum Seekers at St Chads Sanctuary. Fr John

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Many of our Y3 children received this Sacrament on Saturday as they prepare to meet Jesus in the Sacrament of the Eucharist in May. This stepping stone is a crucial step in their readiness for the Eucharist. We continue to pray for the children on this beautiful part of their faith journey.

Reminder: School Closed for Staff Training

18th March – staff training on site.

19th March – staff RETREAT – we will be off site.

School is closed to the children on both days.

Parent Evening Appointments:

350 parent evening appointments have been booked but there are still 75 slots remaining. Booking closes at 12pm on Friday. Please email forgottenpassword@stmaryrc.bham.sch.uk if you need your username or password reset. The format for logging on is **firstname.surname** and the password is four digits.

Appointments will be sent home on Friday to those who have been unable to book via school or the website. Please remember that appointments last for ten minutes and a selection of your child's books will be outside the classroom for you to peruse.

World Book Day/ Book Fair:

Many thanks for your support of World Book day and indeed our Book Fair. My thanks to Mrs Keating and Mrs Woulfe for their organisation and to all staff for supporting each other and the 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.

PTA News

Thank you, once again, to those who supported our infant disco, in particular to our parent and teacher volunteers, without whom the event would not have been possible.

We welcome feedback on all of our events via your class representatives, email

(ptaofstmarys@hotmail.co.uk) or at our next PTA meeting, which will be held on **Tuesday 2nd April at 6.30pm in the School Hall**. We look forward to hearing from you!

'Let everything be open to God, turn to him in every situation'
(Gaudete et exsultate 15)

Yours sincerely



Helena Cusack
Headteacher