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Dear Parent

Y4M Class Assembly

Our Y4M children will present their assembly to lead us in prayer and reflection on Friday 3rd February at 9:15am. Please join us. All welcome.

School Fund

If you do not currently contribute to school fund, please send in your contribution before half term. Every little helps and it is only a small contribution that we ask for. We do ask you to give a little each week/month. Thank you

Congratulations Chess Team!

St Mary's made their debut appearance in the English National Primary Schools Chess Team Championships at the weekend as the only state school in the first regional round. Alexander Howett, Rayan Kunnummal, Ralphie Howett, Ryan Alexander and Ferguson Nwachukwu battled in five games each against five other teams in the Under 11s section. The results were incredibly close, with St Mary's just missing out on qualification to the semi-finals by half a point, their place snatched by one of Hallfield's 8 teams in the final round. All our boys played tenaciously with great team spirit, supporting each other throughout. Many thanks to the parents and Coach, Alex Holowczak, for supervising throughout the 8 hour long day. Well done all!

PTA Message

Our AMERICAN THEMED DISCO will be held on Friday 17th February at the Parish Centre, from 6:30-8:30pm. Tickets cost £2.50 (pre-schoolers free) and can be purchased through our Class Representatives. Dress as you like, or wear red, white or blue! We hope that you will be able to join us.

*Dignity does not come in possessing honours,
but in deserving them. Aristotle*

Dates for your Diary

February

3 rd	Y4M Class Assembly	9:15
	Blessing of throats – St Blaise	
7 th	Internet Safety Day	
10 th	Y2D Class Assembly	9:15
17 th	Y2P Class Assembly	9:15
	Half Term	15:15/15:30
27 th	Second Half of Spring Term - return to school	

March

1 st	Ash Wednesday – School Mass	10:00
10 th	Y1SM Class Mass	9:15
17 th	St Patrick's assembly	14:00

21 st	Parent Consultations	15:40-18:10
23 rd	Parent Consultations	15:40-18:10
24 th	Y4J Class Mass	9:30
31 st	Y1M Class assembly	9:15

April

10 th	Y3 Palm Sunday assembly	9:30
11 th	Y4 Maundy Thursday assembly	9:30
12 th	Y5 Gethsemane assembly	9:30
13 th	Y6 Way of the Cross assembly (repeated on Good Friday at midday in Church)	9:30
	Break Up	15:15/15:30

Internet Safety Day

Next Tuesday – 7th February – is Internet Safety Day. As a school, we will be providing the children with a number of opportunities to use the internet and to reflect on how it should be used with integrity, dignity, honesty and usefulness. It is telling that there is a global day dedicated to safety on the internet! Our children are more vulnerable than any other generation and the power of the internet is something that they do not fully grasp. It can be a marvellous means of communication and learning. It is also, however, a means by which reputations can be sullied without thought; anonymity seems to encourage the lowest of behaviours and access is too often unmonitored. My thanks to Mr Jordan who has drawn up a programme for the day for all of our children. Please learn with them and protect them.

E-safety Tip of the Week: *Webcam images can be recorded and copied. The images they make are not private, and the pictures can be shared and saved.*

Meeting for Y1 Parents

Please respond to Miss Gallagher's letter that will be sent out today regarding the meeting about the statutory 'phonics screening' to take place for your child in June. The meeting will be held in the school hall next Wednesday 8th February. Thank you, as always, for your support.

Yours sincerely

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