

# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent,

*The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family.*

### Y3L Class assembly

Please join Miss Ruhan's class as they lead our collective worship this coming Friday morning – 15<sup>th</sup> February. All welcome to share in this lovely occasion. The assembly begins at 9:15am – please **be on time** to avoid upsetting the children once they have begun. Thank you.

### School Mission week 11th – 15th February

Our Mission Team has arrived and the children are loving the experiences so far.

### Parent Invitations:

- Wednesday at 2pm the infants will present to parents all that they have learnt so far
- Thursday – 2pm – KS2 children will present to parents.

Please make every effort to share in with the children.



As part of the week, **coffee/tea** will be available for parents each morning between 8.30 – 8.50. Please skip the High Street's cafes and share a drink with the mission team who will be pleased to meet you.

**FRIDAY – 15<sup>th</sup> – we end our Mission week with MASS at 2pm in St Mary's Church.**  
**ALL welcome.**

### **Parent Consultation Meetings – Spring Term**

We have arranged our consultations for Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March. You will be able to book your time slot on line from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March through to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Remember it is first come, first served. We encourage all parents to meet with the teacher of your child/ren.

**E-Safety** – many thanks to Mr Clinton for meeting with parents and children last week, 5<sup>th</sup> February – on Internet Safety Day! My thanks, too, to all the parents who attended and took this opportunity to learn more about the potential dangers, for their children, that surrounds unsupervised access. Sadly, not enough is being done. So find attached a list of recommendations from our meetings last week.

### **Why is e-safety important?**

- In last 4 years alone, there has been a 700% increase in reports of online child exploitation
- 1 in 3 children have been a victim of cyber bullying
- 1 in 3 child gamers play online with people they've never met

Following on from both our parent e-safety assemblies and our focus in classes during e-safety week, here are six suggestions to keep your family safe online:

1. With younger children, watch the CEOP KS1 Film 'Lee and Kim' on YouTube. This is recommended for parents of any young child aged between five and seven. It introduces children to the basic principles of keeping safe on the internet.
2. It may be the case that sometimes children use a phone or tablet unsupervised. If anything unusual happens, or someone tries to contact them, then they need to know to tell an adult straight away.
3. Tell your children to never give out personal details, including name, age, address, school, sibling names or gender. Let children know that people they 'meet' online could be pretending to be someone they are not.
4. Set a maximum time that children are allowed to use tablets during weekday evenings and at weekends. Each evening should have a screen-free allocated time, or a phone-free zone. It's a helpful habit for parents too!
5. On behalf of your children, approve friend requests and check private messages in games that have a social interaction element built in. Often, games such as Roblox or Minecraft have a 'chat' or 'friend' function.
6. Be open and honest: talk about cyber bullying and digital footprints and that behavior online should not be remarkably different from behaviour at home or at school.

### **World Book Day** Thursday 7th March

We invite the children to dress up / represent a favourite book character and to have the book of their choice with them. There will also be the opportunity for children to 'book swap' on the day. If they have read a book and want to change it for another they should bring in their book on Thursday. Only those who have books to swap will be invited to choose another. Thank you.

### **Health & Fitness Review**

Mr Davis has provided a review of our week. Please see on school website Parent tab. Thank you.

#### **PTA notice ~**

"Thank you to those who supported the Junior Disco on Friday evening. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!

Please join us for more fun and games on Friday 1st March, 6.30-8.30pm, at The Infant Disco with 'Shelly's Treats'.

Tickets will be on sale from Thursday 14th February from your class representative. All siblings, including pre-schoolers, are welcome but will require a ticket (£2.50 per person)."

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher