



Archdiocese of Birmingham

# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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7<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Dear Parent

## MAY IS DEDICATED TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER, MARY.

### School Mass – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May

Our Mass to celebrate the beginning of this new term will take place in St Mary's Church at 9.30am on Friday. Please join us as we continue our Easter walk and give honour to Our Blessed Mother. All welcome.

### May Altar

If you wish to donate flowers for our May Altar, to honour Our Lady, please send in via the main office. Thank you, as always, for your generosity and may you be blessed for your offerings.

*This "yes", by which she accepts to become the handmaid of the Lord,  
is the trusting "yes" to God's plan, to our salvation.  
And she finally addresses her "yes" to us all, whom she received as  
her children entrusted to her at the foot of the Cross.  
She never withdraws this promise.  
And so she is called happy, or rather blessed, for believing that what  
was promised her by the Lord would be fulfilled.*

### Sacramental Celebrations

Our Y3 and Y6 children are in the final preparations for the reception of their First Holy Communion / Confirmation. Please pray with us for the children at these most important parts of their faith journeys. First Holy Communion masses are on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May and 19<sup>th</sup> May. Confirmation is on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May.

### School Uniform

The children are looking smart and refreshed after their Easter break. Please be reminded that the summer uniform should now be worn which means no trousers for girls and polo shirts for boys. Ties are not required when wearing a polo shirt. Thank you.

### Short half Term/ School Closure

You will be aware of the shortness of this half term and that we have been asked to be a polling station on **23<sup>rd</sup> May for the European Elections**. This will mean that on 23<sup>rd</sup> May (penultimate day of term) we will be **closed to children**.

### Y4 – Swimming

This term it is our Y4 children who will go swimming. Please ensure that the children have their swimming kit with them every Tuesday morning. If anyone is willing to support us by walking the children to the baths and back, please let Mrs Shepherd know so that a rota can be set up. Thank you.

### **Lenten Charities**

We have not yet completed our collections of monies and our Y6 children have been very keen to do a 'school sleepover' for our causes. To date we have over £2000. Grace, in Y4, completed a swim just before we broke up and has raised £500 – what a beautiful example of 'living' as Jesus asks us to. As a school community, we should be humble and pleased with all that we do to live our Christian calling and to 'feed the sick, hungry, ill'. Thank you so much for your huge generosity of heart. The final count will be announced once all collections are completed.

### **Clubs**

Due to the shortness of this half term, there will be no multi sports this half term on 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> May.

Multi-sports will recommence for Y1 and Y3/4 in Summer Term 2, from week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

There are no dance clubs this week.

Dance will revert to Wednesday afternoons from next week and a letter will go out tomorrow to confirm details and places.

### **Reception Trip**

Would Reception parents please note that the Gateway to make payments for this trip is now open.

Yours sincerely



Helena Cusack  
Headteacher