



# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS TRUST

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## ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

We are now in November, the month of Remembrance. The first focus for the children in school has been reflecting on loved ones who have departed this life, and how we remember and commemorate their lives. Some children have added names to our Remembrance Book that is on our altar in the School Hall.

Next week, our focus moves to how we remember as a nation. On Monday we will be observing two minute's silence to commemorate the sacrifices of our armed forces in conflicts around the world.

### Deanery Mass for people working in education

On Monday the teaching staff attended Mass at St Joseph's College, Beulah Hill. Every year we share a Mass with colleagues from around our Deanery. It is a chance for all of us to reflect on the importance of our vocation, and the important part that Catholic Education plays in all of our lives.

### Anti-Bullying Week – Odd Socks Day

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November in order to show solidarity for everyone's individuality, we are asking all children to come to school in odd socks and colourful socks. It's a really nice way of celebrating everybody's differences. This is part of a series of events as outlined by Miss Fizul in her letter last week.

### Maths Week, 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> November

It is also Maths Week. Don't forget that parents are warmly welcomed to a Coffee Morning at 9.30am on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November when all matters mathematical will be discussed and our children will be presenting their maths skills to parents.

### Bollywood Dance Workshop

We are pleased to announce that next Thursday (14<sup>th</sup> November) all the children will have the opportunity to take part in a Bollywood Dance activity in school. Please make sure that your child is wearing his or her PE kit next Thursday.

### Assemblies and Liturgies

It was a delight to listen to the children of Class 6P yesterday as they shared a liturgy with their parents. Next week, as outlined above, we will have a Bollywood Dance Workshop so there will be no assembly or liturgy in the hall.

### Contact Numbers and addresses

If your contact details have changed, it's really important that you inform the office so that our records have been updated. This is particularly important in the event of your child falling ill.

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### Achievement Certificates

The achievement certificates this week are awarded to Rachael in 3A, Daniella in 3E, Nikola in 4D, Naeva in 4T, Somtochukwu in 5B, Serah in 5C, Bruno in 6G and Ewuraba in 6P. The Head of School's awards go to Papa and Olivier in 5B. The kindness award goes to Jaden in 4T. The Swimmer of the Week is Chikezie in 3E.

Have a good weekend.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew McDonald

Head of School

### Health Advice for parents

#### Coronavirus

*The World Health Organisation now considers the covid pandemic to not be a global health emergency. For advice and support if you suspect someone has covid, please visit:*

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/covid-19/covid-19-symptoms-and-what-to-do/>

***When using a test, check that it is a recent one that is set up to detect new strains of the virus.***

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