



ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS TRUST

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Dear Parents,

As usual in May our week has been shaped by the unpredictable nature of the British weather. We hope for more sunshine next week, especially for our Feast day celebrations.

Year 5 information afternoon

It was very encouraging to see so many parents on Monday, as we prepare for Year 6 and beyond. I am aware that several families had unavoidable commitments, and will be posting the slides from the presentations on our website.

We would like to thank Mr Shields, the Headteacher of St Mary's High School, for coming to speak to parents.

Catholic Schools' Swimming Gala

I was fortunate to be able to accompany our swimming team and Miss Aherne to the annual gala at St Joseph's on Wednesday. It was a great sporting occasion and congratulations to all our swimmers. We won nine medals for placings.

Toys and Trading Cards

A reminder to parents that toys such as fidget spinners are not allowed in school. The only exceptions to this are when they have been provided to children with specific learning needs by our SEN department - this was the original purpose of such objects. Teachers have also noticed that football trading cards have made an appearance again. Whilst these are fine for home, please discourage children from bringing them to school.

St Mary's Feast Day

Our Feast Day will take place next Friday, 26th May. Today I talked to the children in assembly about the importance of practising the Hail Mary prayer in their home languages, which will be part of our celebration. Also, children will be making a procession around the school to the Infants School at 11.50, just before the picnic lunch. Parents are welcome to join in.

We would like parents to make donations of flowers and plants for the day for our statue. *Please only bring items on the day.*

The advantage of potted plants over cut flowers is that at the end of the service they can be added to your child's outside growing area. All are welcome to share picnic lunch with the children from midday.

Governors' Fund

Please remember that all parents can contribute to this fund through Parentpay. It is an important fund that is used for extra resources for the children.

Safe drop off

All at school are becoming very anxious at the number of children who are dropped off by car in the mornings in the middle of the road, whilst double parked. This is so dangerous. Please think about the safety of your child.

Happy School Bag

Don't forget that we are still collecting. There is a cage for your bags at the entrance to the school. Please drop your bags to school by 3.30pm on 24th May 2017.

Assemblies

Thank-you to the children of Class 6C who presented a beautiful assembly yesterday. Next Thursday 25th May will be the turn of Class 6O. Parents are welcome to join us at 9.30am.

The achievement certificates this week are awarded to Allysa and Bianca in 3B, Anna in 3K, Samuel in 4C, Aaron, McAlister and Marcos in 4D, Breyanna in 5L, Maxine in 5V, Mariana in 6C and Dameila in 6O. The Musician of the week is Lizanne in 4D. The Swimmers of the week are the Wednesday Gala Swimmers. The Headteacher's award goes to Sebastian in 5L.

Have a good weekend.

Best wishes,

A.J. McDonald

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