



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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with Christ at its centre"*

Lent Term 1

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year. The children have settled quickly back in and the school is once again buzzing with activity. I'm sure this term will be both exciting and eventful, with lots to look forward to.

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to thank you for the cards and generous gifts received at the end of term.

Best Wishes.

Mrs K. Yuen

Important Dates to note...

13th January- Young Voices Concert (Years 3-6)

27th January – Y5/6 Parents Condovery Residential

Information Meeting at 6.30pm

10th February – Ash Wednesday

15th - 21st February – Half term

24th March (Maundy Thursday) last day of term



27th May – The Sacrament of Confirmation



11th June 2016 - First Holy Communion

Prayer Bag Launch

The Diocese of Northampton has launched a new initiative to support prayer within family life. This takes the form of a themed prayer bag and each child will have the opportunity to bring this bag home during the school year. We believe that, through prayer, we grow in our relationship with God and that the prayer bags will encourage families to spend time together in God's presence.

In the Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1, there are two prayer bags. The yellow bag is for Reception age children which focus on God's wonderful creation. The green prayer bag is for children in Year 1 and Year 2 and this focuses on encouraging children to place their trust in God. The blue bag for Year 3 and Year 4 places Our Lady as the focus of prayers and Year 5 and Year 6 have a red bag which uses St Paul as the example of how we should have courage in our faith.

Each prayer bag comes with guidance and ideas of how best to support prayers at home and includes items such as a crucifix or rosary beads and age appropriate prayer books. Also included is an intentions book for you to write your own family prayers or intentions. The prayer bags will be sent home with a child on a Monday. Please use and enjoy it, replace the items in the bag and return to school on the Friday ready to pass on to the next child. Prayer at school and at home is an important part of your child's faith education and it is hoped that prayer bags will help to encourage that faith to grow. If you have any questions, queries or suggestions regarding the project, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Young Voices Concert for Key Stage 2 - Wednesday 13th January

We are all very excited to be taking part in this special concert. The children have been busy practising their singing. With only a few days left please take time to look at the Young Voices website which has all the dance moves the children need to learn. They are presented in a fun energetic way. Enjoy and have lots of fun having a go!
www.youngvoices.co.uk. You will need to click on choir resources and put in the code **Weare20** it will activate without an email address. **A letter with the details for the day is being sent out this week.**

Value Focus for January

Thoughtfulness

Sometimes just a 'Thank you' can make someone smile for the whole day.



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