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*"Called to Love as God Loves"*

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Dear Parents/Carers

Here we are once again at the end of another busy half term at St Mary's. This term the curriculum has been enriched with lots of exciting opportunities and experiences for our children. The Y6 children have visited the Imperial War Museum in Salford and invited a visitor into school to talk to them about their experience during World War Two as an evacuee. Year 5 visited Grange Theatre to watch a performance of Romeo and Juliet and as a result have written some very moving love letters! Y4 have been studying The Gospel of Matthew to celebrate The Year of the Word, culminating in a beautiful class liturgy. Year 3 went to the Dewa Museum and visited a Roman Amphitheatre. Year 2 have been studying the Great Fire of London. Their knowledge of this significant event in our history is quite breath-taking! Thank you to everyone who worked with the children to make those magnificent models. Year 1 have been learning about their local area. I can't tell you how impressed I was when I dropped into their geography lesson with their locational knowledge of the United Kingdom and its capital cities. Reception have been super scientists experimenting and observing the effects of ice in our environment during the winter season. Thank you to all the parents in Nursery for dressing the children in Super Hero costumes today. They look amazing!

### **Keeping Children Safe**

This term, the NSPCC delivered assemblies and workshops in school to help the children understand how to keep themselves safe and on Tuesday Miss Kelly led Internet Safety assemblies which were followed up by workshops teaching the children the importance of on-line safety and their digital footprint. May I remind you that I have arranged for an ICT consultant to be in school on parents' day on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March. This is an ideal opportunity for you to bring electronic devices into school so that Mr Barratt can advise you on parental settings and website suitable for children.

## Sport

Thank you to all the children who have represented St Mary's at sporting activities this term including: tag rugby, dodgeball, football, multi-skills and basketball. Thank you to Miss Whitehead and her team for facilitating this extra-curricular events for the children.

I am delighted to announce that Ms Murtin and her partner have been approved as adoptive parents. Ms Murtin will commence a period of adoption leave w/c 6th March 2020 for 6 weeks. I'm sure you'll all join me in congratulating Ms Murtin on this wonderful news.

This year on Shrove Tuesday we will be inviting children to come to school in the colours of Mardi Gras (green, purple and gold) to celebrate and party before the season of LENT begins the following day on Ash Wednesday. During The season of Lent we will be getting ourselves in training mentally, physically, and spiritually to be the very best that we can be in preparation for the Resurrection of Our Saviour Jesus Christ at Easter.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support this term and wish you all a relaxing and restorative half term break.

Ms M. Garvey

***Stay With Us Lord On Our Journey***

### Diary dates:

Thur 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School Closes
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School Inset Day
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School Opens
Tues, 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Own clothes for Mardi Gras
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Ash Wednesday (Whole School Mass in Church 10:30 - Parents Welcome)
Wed, 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Y3M Parents' Day
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Bags for School Collection
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Y6 Parents Day
Thu 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	World Book Day (Information to follow)
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	EYFS/KS1 Bedtime Story (Information to follow)
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Whole School Parents' Day
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Year 3 Reconciliation in Church 6.30pm
Thur 2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	Reception Trip to Beeston Castle
Thur 9 <sup>th</sup> Apr	School Closes 3.20pm



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