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"Called to love as God loves"

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school. I hope that you and your family had an enjoyable half term break. As always on the first week back we will be focusing on the rules and routines which make our school a happy and safe place to learn. The children are reminded of our five school rules:

- Do your best
- Show respect
- Use friendly language
- Choose safe behaviour
- Be in the right place at the right time.

Valentine's Day treat

Thank you to The Friends of St Mary's who organised a lovely surprise for the children on the last day of term. The children were invited to wear red and each child received a gift of a beautiful rose at the end of the day. An incredible £530 was raised for school fund. Three lucky winners Noah, Jacob and Rosa went home with a fabulous Valentine's Day hamper.



Lent

The season of Lent began with whole school Mass in church to. As always, we received lovely feedback from the parishioners about how reverent the children are when they visit church.

On Ash Wednesday, each class has produced a Lenten action plan. They have identified activities each week that will help them to be mentally, physically and spiritually fit as part of their preparation for Easter.



Catholic Social Teaching in Action

Our Pupil leadership teams have joined forces this term. They contacted Cornerstone Day Centre, a service run by Salford Diocese, which offers a range of support services to homeless and vulnerable people in Manchester, to find out what they felt they needed most.

As a result, during Lent, they are asking each year group to collect the following items:

Nursery	w/c 20 th Feb	toothpaste
Reception	w/c 20 th Feb	tinned food eg beans/ soup
Year 1	w/c 27 th Feb	body wash
Year 2	w/c 6 th Mar	deodorant
Year 3	w/c 13 th Mar	dried herbs
Year 4	w/c 20 th Mar	shampoo
Year 5	w/c 27 th Mar	tooth brushes
Year 6	w/c 3 rd Apr	pot noodle

If you feel that you could help, all donation will be greatly received.

Improving the school environment

I am pleased to announce that over the holidays CCTV cameras have been installed. This will improve security around the building and act as a deterrent to anti-social behaviour on and around the premises.

Parking

Please remember to respect our neighbours by parking considerately when picking and dropping off your children. Also, in order to keep our children safe and prevent an accident, may I remind everyone not to park on zig zag lines outside school or use the staff car park as there is ample parking for everyone across the road in the church car park. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



Attendance

Thank you to everyone for working hard to improve attendance. Attendance for the last half term was 94.3%. Let's work together to further improve this term.



Thank you for your continued support.

Ms M. Garvey

Stay With Us, Lord, On Our Journey

Diary Dates:

February dates

Fri 24th Feb Mental Health Workshop for parents 2.40pm KS2 Hall- through school office

March dates

Thurs 2nd Mar World Book Day
Fri 3rd Mar Y3M Sacrament of Reconciliation in church 9.30am
Tues 7th Mar Y1 Stay and Pray 8.50-9.30 KS1 Hall
Wed 8th March Y2 Stay and Pray 8.50-9.30 KS1 Hall
Thurs 9th Mar Parents' Evening
Fri 10th Mar Y3B Sacrament of Reconciliation in church 9.30am
Mon 13th Mar Reception Green library visit
Tues 14th Mar Reception Morgan library visit
Wed 15th Mar Nursery Stay and Pray 8.50-9.30 KS1 Hall
Thurs 16th Mar Reception Stay and Pray 8.50-9.30 KS1 Hall
Fri 17th Mar Y2 Class Assembly 9.15am
Fri 31st Mar Y5 Class Assembly 9.15am
Fri 31st Mar Y4 Brass Concert KS1 Hall 2.30pm
Fri 31st Mar Easter Discos (details to follow)

April dates

Mon 3rd April Holy Week
Thurs 6th Apr School closes
Mon 17th Apr School opens

May dates

Mon 1st May May Day Bank Holiday
Mon 8th May Kings Coronation - Bank Holiday
Tues 9th May KS2 SATs week
Wed 17th May Grandparents' Day