

Head Teacher / Principal: Mrs J Downes

May is the Month of Mary

These are some of the flowers that were given to school in honour of Mary. Everyone in school took flowers to the statue of Mary in the Prayer Garden and offered their prayers to Our Lady.

Year 3 took part in a blessing led by Father Joseph who said it was a beautiful event. Well done, Year 3!

We have prayed to Mary each day this month and at the end of our half term and nearly the end of May, we offer this prayer...

...O, Queen of Heaven, rejoice! Alleluia. For He whom thou didst merit to bear, Alleluia, Hath arisen as He said, Alleluia. Pray for us to God, Alleluia. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia. For the Lord hath risen indeed, Alleluia.

Let us pray: O God, who, through the Resurrection of Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, Didst vouchsafe to fill the world with joy; Grant, we beseech Thee, that, through His Virgin Mother, Mary, We may lay hold on the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.



Our School Rules!

We are very proud of the way in which the children have responded to our revised Superstar Steps. Some of you may have already received emails about excellent behaviour. We are happy that our children are clear about the message in our two school rules:

Treat others as we wish to be treated
and
Be the best that you can be

These steps are on display in classrooms and the hall. When children are nearly at the top, you will receive an email to inform you of excellent behaviour. When anyone reaches the top, a letter from the Principal will be sent and they will enter a prize draw. The prizes will vary, but will be time given for them to take part in during our termly Values and Virtues days. We will be writing to you with more information about this after half term.

Half Term

Please make sure that you continue to read with your child every day and that any set homework is completed. It is also important that they practise number skills and spellings too.

Multiplication Tables Check

There will be a multiplication tables check that Year 4 will be taking part in this year. I will arrange a time to meet with parents/carers of Y4 children after half term. This will be held on Teams.

Please make sure that time is spent during this holiday continuing to practise times tables facts.

Whats On?



This half term brings a bit more freedom than other holidays that we have had. Please remember **HANDS, FACE, SPACE** as it is important that we stay safe and well. If you are planning to go out and about, that is great. Below is a link to activities in Sandwell that you may be interested in.

https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/info/200242/events/1829/school_holidays_-_whats_on_in_sandwell

Attendance

Well done to everyone who is well enough to come to school. We know these are difficult times, but everyone is doing really well.

Y6	YR	Y1	Y3	Y2	Y4	Y5
93%	95%	96%	98%	98%	98%	98%

Punctuality – Well done everyone!

Well done to so many early birds! There have been **5 late marks anywhere in school last week.**



Who are the Tidy Crew?

Well done to **Year 3** for last week. Not only are they taking care of their classroom, but also the outside too.

Our Parish Links:



Father Joseph continues to work with children to prepare for their Sacraments and he is really pleased with their commitment. Father has said about the arrangements for Holy Communion and Confirmation as well as the Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confession).

Confirmation will be celebrated at English Martyrs as there is more space and this is safer. There is a meeting for Sponsors on Saturday 29th May in the usual Whatsapp group.

Bishop Stephen Wright will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation. He will come to school if we are safe to do so at the time.

Have a happy and safe half term, God Bless.