

# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

January 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year. Thank you for all of your gifts and well wishes over the Christmas period, we felt truly blessed and grateful to be part of such a caring community. This term our topic is called 'Kings and Queens' and is a history based topic with a focus on chronology and key monarchs. Please read the attached curriculum plan for further details.

## **HOMEWORK**

Homework will be set on a **Wednesday** and is to be handed in by **Monday** of the following week. The homework will consist of a Maths and English or Topic task that will consolidate work covered in class. At the front of the Maths homework book you will find your child's Timestables Rockstars login. Please encourage them to use this regularly. It's a great resource and they really enjoy it. Please encourage your child to read at home each night and where possible find opportunities to share books or discuss books that you are reading together. Remember to use the 'Reading with your child' booklet, which was given to you at Parents' Evening, when discussing the book with your child. All reading records should be brought into school on a daily basis, even if your child is now a free reader. We would like the children to keep a record of what they're reading inside and outside of school.

## **PE**

PE lessons take place on a Tuesday, which will be indoors for dance and gymnastics this term. Please make sure your child has a pair of indoor shoes that are suitable for PE. St Mary's outdoor tracksuits are available for purchase from the office. Children should not wear earrings during PE lessons. Please ensure your child is able to remove their earrings independently or does not wear earrings on a Tuesday.

## **UNIFORM**

Please ensure that all of your child's uniform is labelled clearly to aid in a speedy return of any lost items. Just a reminder that your child should have indoor shoes in school.

## **GOLDEN TIME**

Golden Time reinforces the positive reward systems we have in place at St Mary's. It has continued to be very successful this year, with the children thoroughly enjoying the range of activities available for them to choose from each week. If you have any ideas for Golden Time activities which you would like to lead with a group in school, please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss further.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February** LKS2 trip to Hampton Court Palace (please see separate letter)

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February** PTFA cinema night

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February - 9:30am** Lower Key Stage 2 Mass in the school hall

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February - 9:30 am** Ash Wednesday Mass at The Immaculate Conception

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March** Book Week

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March - 3:30-6pm** Parents' Evening

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March** - Year 3 class assembly

As always, if you have any queries, worries or concerns, please come and speak to me before or after school.

Kind regards,

Mrs Jeffrey and Miss Jackson