

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, I 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 back 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.

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. Please make sure your child has an indoor and outdoor PE kit in school all week. 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.

MANOR ADVENTURE

I'm sure the children are getting very excited for the upcoming trip to Manor Adventure! We will be holding a meeting for parents on **Thursday 5th March at 3:30pm** where we will share information about the structure of the days and the kit list.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 6th February LKS2 trip to Hampton Court Palace (please see separate letter)

Tuesday 11th February PTFA cinema night

Wednesday 12th February – 9:30am Lower Key Stage 2 Mass in the school hall

Friday 14th February – 9am Year 4 Class Assembly

Wednesday 26th February – 9:30 am Ash Wednesday Mass at The Immaculate Conception

Monday 2nd – Friday 6th March Book Week

Thursday 5th March – 3:30pm Manor Adventure meeting

Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th March – 3:30-6pm Parent's Evening

Wednesday 1st – Friday 3rd April Manor Adventure residential trip

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

Kind regards,

Mrs Clark.