



NEWSLETTER AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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SCHOOL IS CLOSED ON MONDAY 6TH MAY 2019 BANK HOLIDAY

Our Virtues and Values for this term are Curious & Active

Catholic Life

The month of May has always been dedicated to Our Lady. This month the children have chosen artefacts for the class prayer focus that will help them to think about Mary. We are also decorating the area around the statue of Mary with flowers throughout the month of May and are very grateful for any flowers or plants you send in.

Mary loved God and wanted to serve Him with all her heart. But she was just a poor girl in an insignificant town, from a humble family, with little expectations that her life was going to be any different than most. When the angel Gabriel came to Mary to tell her she was chosen by God to be the mother of His son, despite her own fear, she exhibited great courage and character: "I am the Lord's servant... May your word to me be fulfilled" (Luke 1:38). She also exhibited great courage and character during Jesus' earthly life and ministry. She pressed Jesus to provide wine when it ran low at the wedding in Cana, she approached Jesus when He was left behind at the temple, she went from Nazareth to Capernaum when she learned what was being reported there about Jesus, and she attempts to protect Jesus in some of the stickiest of situations. She was a person of discipleship and faith, and the first true follower of Jesus.



We never know what God is calling us to be but must trust that the Lord will guide our lives if we let Him and not to be afraid if the path looks difficult but to trust and have courage as Mary did.

On Monday 13th May, the children in St Faustina are preparing the Mass and will be crowning our statue of Mary.

Please pray for our children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion. This month they will attend a meeting on Tuesday 7th May to prepare them for the Sacrament of Reconciliation which will take place at the Parish Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, on Tuesday 21st May at 5.45p.m. (Note change of date.)

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Reconciliation meeting will be held in school on **Tuesday 7th May 6.00pm**. There has been a change of date in the First Holy Communion Programme due to Father Tony's availability. The Reconciliation Service that was planned for Thursday 23rd May will now be held on **Tuesday 21st May at 5.45pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church**.



successful and we have received £1,000 towards them. This is a great funding boost for us and will benefit the children, who can then go and sit, work, play and relax in the garden.

SUMMER UNIFORM

As we are now in the summer term, children may wear their summer uniform.

GIRLS

Light blue and white check dress
Navy blue cardigan/sweatshirt with school logo
White socks, black shoes

BOYS

Light blue polo shirt with school logo
Navy blue jumper/sweatshirt with school logo

GRANT

We applied to Persimmon Homes who support clubs, charities and schools monthly with money for projects. We wanted to purchase some benches for our Peace Garden. Our grant was

Learning, loving and living together with Christ

Grey shorts/Grey trousers
Black shoes

PARKING



If you are parking your car in or around Newlands Close at the beginning or end of the day, can you please ensure you **DO NOT** block residents' drives and you escort your child safely across the road. We have received calls from concerned residents.

YEAR 4 RESIDENTIAL

If you did not attend the meeting last night, please ensure you see Mrs Hicking for a pack that contains important forms to be completed.

ST BEDE'S PARENTS' MEETING

If your child has been offered a place at St Bede's in September, there will be a **parents only** meeting on Wednesday 12th June 2019 at 7pm.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

If you have a child starting school in September 2019 or moving to middle school, you should have already had your offer of a place by email. You need to ensure you accept or decline your offer. If you require assistance, please contact Pupil

Admissions at Worcestershire County Council on: 01905 822700 or call into the school office.

ST MARTIN CLASS SWIMMING

Please be reminded there will be no swimming session on **Thursday 16th May**.



FOOTBALL ACADEMY UK

There is a new Football Academy starting in Redditch for children aged 4-12, for further details please email birmingham@fauk.pl

ATTENDANCE Our target is 96%

Percentage attendance in classes

29th April - 2nd May - **4 days**

St Francis	94.6%
St Lucy	89.8%
St Faustina	99.1%
St Thomas	92.6%
St Bernadette	98.3%
St Martin	99.1%
St Theresa	87.0%
St John Bosco	95.2%

STAR CLASSES: St Martin & St Faustina

Whole school attendance: 94.7% - let's try harder.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Monday	6 th	May		
Tuesday	7 th	May	6.00pm	Bank Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday	13 th	May	9.10am	First Holy Communion Reconciliation Meeting at school
Monday	13 th	May	1.30pm	School Mass Crowning of Mary – Led by St Faustina Class
Wednesday	15 th	May		St Bernadette Class Woodrow Library Visit
Monday	20 th	May	9.10am	Year 4 Residential – 3 days, back on Friday 17 th May
Monday	20 th	May	1.30pm	Whole School Awards Assembly
Tuesday	21 st	May	5.45pm	St Thomas' Class Woodrow Library Visit
Wednesday	22 nd	May	All day	First Holy Communion Reconciliation Service at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church
Thursday	23 rd	May	All day	Year 3 WWII Museum trip to Hednesford
Friday	24 th	May	3.00pm	Year 4 WWII Museum trip to Hednesford
Monday	3 rd	June	8.40am	School closes – half term
Monday	3 rd	June	9.10am	School re- opens
Monday	3 rd	June	1.30pm	Whole school Awards Assembly
Tuesday	4 th	June	6.00pm	St Faustina class Woodrow Library visit
Monday	10 th	June	9.10am	First Holy Communion Final Preparation meeting at school
Monday	10 th	June	1.30pm	School Mass – All welcome
Monday	17 th	June	9.10am	St Lucy Class Woodrow Library visit
Monday	17 th	June	1.30pm	Whole school Awards Assembly
Tuesday	18 th	June		St Francis Class Woodrow Library visit
Thursday	20 th	June	6.00pm	Year 2 visit to Mount Carmel Church – details to follow
Saturday	22 nd	June	12.00pm	New intake parents meeting
Monday	24 th	June		First Holy Communion Day
				St Thomas More Feast Day. Going Forth Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church – Time to be confirmed