



Wednesday 29 September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Please see below this weeks' notices:

1 Year Anniversary

This Sunday will mark the first anniversary of the school fire. When we reflect back over the year, we feel proud of what the children and staff have achieved and we want to thank our school community, family and friends, the Local Governing Body and Trust for all the support, kind words and prayers we have received, and continue to receive, since October 3 2020.

We would like to invite you all to join in with staff to light a candle on Sunday and to offer up prayers of thanks and hope that the SPIRIT continues to strive in us during our stay here at St James House.

Parking

We have been made aware that some of our parents and carers have been parking near one of the local businesses by Shelton House, blocking the front gates and preventing access for their workers. Please can we remind our families to use the parking locations listed below, avoiding Fox Street:

- St. Mary's Church car park, Darley Lane (6 minute walk to school)
- Parker's Piece Car park, City Road, DE1 1DF (4/5 minute walk to school)
- City Road (free parking for 30 minutes)

Also, parents and carers are not allowed to drop off or pick children up on site unless disabled access has been granted to them by school.

Open Day

This year, we will be holding 'Open Day Sessions' over the course of a week for new parents with children starting school in September 2022. If you know of anyone who has children of this age who is currently choosing schools for their child, please signpost them to our 'Open Week' week commencing Monday 11 October.

Open Days enable parents to meet staff, see the facilities and generally get a feel for the school. They will see the curriculum in action (if they visit in the school day) and see many reasons why they should choose St Mary's. More details to follow in next week's update.

Parents Evening

Due to an increase of positive COVID-19 cases within school, we have decided to hold our Advent parent evenings virtually through MSTeams. This approach proved a huge success and preferred option by our families during the pandemic. In order to ensure our parents and carers are given the opportunity to meet and discuss the well-being and academic progress of their child/ren, we will be holding our parent consultations virtually Tuesday 19 October and Thursday 21 October 2021. More details as to how to book an appointment will follow.



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Homework

Over the past couple of weeks, the children's homework has had a strong emphasis on reading. Thank you for recording your child's reading at home on their profile page on ClassDojo. Reading at home will continue to be expected by all children as part of their homework tasks, and in a couple of weeks time, once the children have settled into reading regularly at home, class teachers will be distributing other homework tasks, including Maths and English.

Cookie Sale

The themes of our class Act of Worships this Advent term are around the Gospel values. Following on from C13 AoW on 'Service', two Y6 children have decided to bake their own cookies and make their own lemonade and dog treats to sell to our parents and carers in order to raise money for charity.

The sale will take place on Monday 4 October at the end of the day. All items on sale will cost 50p. Please ensure you have the correct money as the children will not be able to offer any change. A table will be set up on the playground, so please, as you pick your child up, head over to the table and show your support to these 2 remarkable young ladies

Finally, congratulations to Maddie S who took part in her dance show's 25th anniversary last weekend. Maddie performed 8 dances, performing them amazingly. Well done!

Please feel free to contact us if you require anything in addition to the information above.

Best wishes and God Bless

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