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Dear Parents/Carers

We all had a fantastic day yesterday celebrating my 20 years as being Head Teacher of St Mary's. The day began with our Easter service at St Mary's Church. We were very privileged to have the Bishop of Birmingham, the Right Reverend David Urquhart, there along with the previous Bishop the Right Reverend Mark Santer. It was also wonderful to have Father Brian, our former Chair of Governors and former Rector of St Mary's Church, to celebrate with us as well as the Arch Deacon Right Reverend Haywood Osborne. A big thank you to Father Bob for organising this lovely service. Father Bob later told the children how impressed Bishop David was with the children's readings. He actually said, "it 'was the best readings that he has ever heard from a school in church." I would like to say a big thank you to the Parents Association for their kind words, amazing flowers and beautiful crystal vase and an even bigger thank you to all the staff and children who made this day very special indeed with their music readings, singing and dancing. I felt very special.

Have a lovely Easter holiday,

Ava Sturridge-Packer

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Executive Head Teacher



Kind and Thoughtful

One of our anti-bullying strategies

The following children will receive the 'Kind and Thoughtful' certificate and care of a cuddly teddy bear. The award will be presented in Celebration Assembly on Tuesday 12 April 2016. The lucky children will also have fruit and milk with Mrs Packer in her office and swing on her chair.

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| Lauren For working hard to support other children during lessons | Eneesyia For being a good friend - supportive and caring, without being asked |
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Thought for the week

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and of great mercy

Psalm 145:8

Smiley/Star Chart Winners

The following children have had the most smiley faces/stars for good work or behaviour over the last term. Each child received a gift voucher and certificate.

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| RW Saira | RB Taéaz | 1L Issac |
| 1S Tavaya | 2C Lauren | 2N Kamron |
| 3J Isma | 3/4S Deniesha | 4B Jia |
| 5S Shayla | 5/6W Chloë | 6B Vishal |

Celebration Assembly

The following children will receive certificates for good work and behaviour in Celebration Assembly on Tuesday 12 April 2016. All Parents/Carers are welcome to attend. If Parents/Carers do attend could I please ask them to stay until the assembly finishes. This demonstrates to all the children that the entire assembly is valued by Parents/ Carers. Thank you for your support.

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| L'maiya Nursery For working hard in all areas | Christian RW For working hard and making progress in Literacy | Remzell RB For working hard in all areas— sharing his ideas and improving his writing |
| Shanaya 1L For trying really hard to improve her focus and work | Whole Class 1S For working hard this term | Izzjah 2C For working hard all term and making lots of progress |
| Caleb 2N For making a noticeable improvement in his behaviour | Issac 3J For working extremely hard this term in all areas | Zoya 3/4S For an amazing term. Making lots of progress in all areas |
| Meshayah 4B For working at a faster pace and maintaining lovely presentation | Zara 5S For consistently producing a high standard of work in all areas | Molly Ewins 5/6W For making great progress in computing - writing algorithms |
| | | Cory 6B For his positive attitude towards SAT's |

Our British Value this week is Individual Liberty

Weekly certificates

These classes received their certificates in celebration assembly on Monday 21 March 2016.

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| Lining Up | RW |
| Spick and Span | 3J |
| Movement Bird | 2N |
| Gymnastic Monkey | 3/4S |
| Attendance | 6B - 98.2% |
| Punctuality | RW, 1L & 2C- 2 children late |
| Dinnertime | Yummy Bear RB Runner Up 1L |

Parking in the Rectory Car Park

Can I please remind parents/carers that parking in the rectory car park is not allowed. It is private property therefore should not be used by parents/carer. Thank you for your continued support.

Attendance and Punctuality

Please support us in continuing to improve our attendance and punctuality by encouraging your children to come to school and be on time every day.

School Dinners price increase as from Tuesday 12 April 2016

As from Tuesday 12 April 2016 the price of school dinners to £2.15 per day, £10.75 per week. The correct money should be given to the class teacher on a Monday morning, in an envelope clearly labelled with your child's name and class on.

Parking Outside School reminder

Please can parents/carers park with care when dropping and collecting their children outside of school.

Mobile Phones Safeguarding reminder

For Health and Safety reasons can I please ask all parents/carers not to use their mobile phone within the school building. Thank you for your support.

Safety online reminder

Could parents please, please supervise children when using the internet at home either on the computer, mobile phone or any other electronic device that can access the internet. We are doing everything that we can in school to ensure that our children are safe and constantly remind the children about e-safety. Following the tips listed below will help your child stay safe online.

- Have family rules about how the internet will be used at home and be clear about what information is safe to share online
- Discuss rules about communicating online with friends
- Make sure you know what your children are doing online, much like you would in 'real' life and use parental controls (on computers, mobile phones and game consoles) to help you. Remember that these cannot always be 100% effective
- Make sure that your children are aware that people or websites can lie online
- Make sure your child understands that online actions can have offline consequences

Term dates

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| Easter Holidays | Children break up on Thursday 24 March 2016 and return to school on Tuesday 12 April 2016 |
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Message from Father Bob

**EASTER SERVICES 2016
AT
ST MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH**

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:30PM The Liturgy of the Last Supper, Washing of Feet, the Stripping of the Altar & Vigil

Good Friday

8:00am The Liturgy for Good Friday

11:30am Procession of Witness from St Augustine's & Joint Service

1:30pm The Stations on the Way to the Cross. Children's activities at Elmwood Church, Hamstead Hill, B20 1BU

7:30pm Stations of the Cross

EASTER SUNDAY - Sunday 27th March

8:00am Holy Communion

11:00am Blessing of the Easter Candle. Renewal of Baptismal Promises & The Parish Eucharist

Preacher: The Rector

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