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Dear Parents

Weekly Newsletter

Book Fair

Thank you for your support of the Book Fair last week, we hope you enjoy the books that you purchased.

Harvest Mass

We will be holding a Harvest Mass at St Mary's next Wednesday (19th) at 9.10 am which the children will be attending. Please could children bring a tin/packet of food for the Harvest Mass which will be given to a local charity; if the food could be non-perishable with a long shelf life, this is very helpful. We would like to extend the invitation to parents who would like to attend this Mass and it will be followed by tea and coffee if you are free to stay.

Safety at the School

Car Park - Just a reminder to please drive slowly if you are using the school car park and the road outside the school. It is very busy during drop off and collection times with lots of children walking around.

Dogs – If you bring a dog with you for drop off or collection, please could you make sure they are tied up well away from where the children walk into and out of school.

Scooters/Bikes/Trikes – For Health and Safety, please make sure that if your child(ren) come to school on a scooter, bike or trike, please make sure that they get off of them at the gate and walk them down the sloping path into school. It is quite a steep slope and we do not want any accidents to happen.

Education City

We have had a lot of positive comments about how much the children are enjoying using Education City at home for some of their homework. Thank you to those parents who have highlighted a few difficulties with accessing the site on certain products i.e. mobile phones and ipads. A lot of these issues have now been rectified but for those that have not, we are looking at setting up after school sessions for those who do not have access to IT systems at home to run Education City. We will let you know more about this.



Education City Training and Support

We also have a trainer coming into St Mary's for Education City next Monday (17th); they will be in Year 2's classroom between 5.00 pm and 6.00 pm. If you would like some advice or information about using Education City, please pop in during this time.

Snacks in School

For clarification, the Government supports schools by providing snacks (fruit and vegetables) for those children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, so snacks from home are not needed. If you think your child(ren) would benefit from an extra snack during school time and they are in Years 3 and 4, please put a snack in their bag.

Meet the Teachers

Just a reminder of the 'Meet the Teacher' evenings next week. They are on Monday 17th between 5.00 pm and 7.00 pm and Wednesday 19th 3.40 pm and 5.40 pm. Please make sure you've signed up if you wish to have five minutes with your child(ren)'s teacher.

Rotary Raffle Tickets

You will have received a book of Rotary Christmas Raffle tickets as part of the PTA's fundraising. All of the monies received for ticket sales goes to the school with an additional bonus from the Rotary and you could also win a prize! If you are able to sell the tickets, this would be much appreciated. Please return any sold ticket stubs and money raised to the school office.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Paula Fearn
Head Teacher