



St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School

Following Jesus in all we think, do and say

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Dear Parent and Carers,

PARENT TEACHER CONSULTATIONS: 23RD, 24TH & 25TH MARCH 3.40 – 5.10PM

Thank you to all of you who have signed up for an appointment to meet virtually with your child's class teacher next week. The focus of the meeting will be on your child's well-being, attitude to learning and how they have settled in to school since school reopened fully to all pupils. All appointments are scheduled to be video calls and a guide is attached. Please sign in at <https://www.parents-booking.co.uk/stmaryangels> at least 5 minutes before your appointment so that you are ready when your video call goes live. Class teachers will attempt to call you if the video call is unsuccessful but will be unable to extend your allocated time as the teacher will need to be ready to start next video call at the scheduled time.

We appreciate that many of you may have concerns re your child's academic progress following such an extended period of home learning for the majority of pupils. Therefore, there will be another round of Parent Teacher Consultations in early May which will focus on your child's progress and achievement.

DAY OF REFLECTION AND PRAYER

Cardinal Vincent Nichols has written to schools to invite pupils and staff to take part in a National Day of Reflection and Prayer on March 23rd to mark the anniversary of the first national lockdown. The day will include a minute's silence at midday, which we will observe in school, and a doorstep vigil of light at 8pm. In his letter the Cardinal writes, 'In reflection we ponder on all that has taken place; in prayer we bring this to our Heavenly Father. For all who live by faith in God, reflection and prayer always go hand in hand. Prayer completes reflection. Reflection informs prayer. Prayer opens our life to its true horizon. Without prayer we live in a foreshortened world and are more easily swamped by its clamour and tragedy.'

We are delighted that the pupils in Kestrels class, who have been learning at home this week, are going to take an active part in leading our Day of Reflection and Prayer where we will come together to answer the call to pray that the pandemic comes to an end and that the 'gift of God's Holy Spirit will carry us all forward to a new and better life, both here and in the world to come'. You can read the Cardinal's letter in full [here](#).

LENTEN GIVING



Our dedicated team of Mini Vinnies met with Mrs. Hough this week to discuss which charity we would like to support as part of our school's Lenten giving. The team have decided to ask for donations for Marie Curie a leading UK charity providing frontline nursing and hospice care, a free support line and a wealth of information and support on all aspects of dying, death and bereavement. Marie Curie were the first organization, in partnership with the Church of England, to call for a National Day of Reflection on March

23rd and so the Mini Vinnies thought it would be good to help the charity. Therefore, we will be holding a Mufti Day on Tuesday 30th March. Children can wear their own clothes in exchange for a voluntary donation of £2 to Marie Curie and are encouraged to wear something yellow as part of their outfit. In exchange, each child will bring home a beautiful Lenten gift they have decorated in school. You can find out more about the work of Marie Curie [here](#). Thank you in advance for your support.

WORLD SLEEP DAY: THURSDAY 25TH MARCH

World Sleep Day is an annual, global day to promote the importance of sleep. A good night's sleep is important for your child's physical and mental well-being. Parents and carers are warmly invited to join Mrs. Waine, our lead teacher for inclusion, and Ella Higgs for a virtual 'Sleep' workshop (see the invitation attached).

The workshop will be held via Zoom and joining details are as follows:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77236218642?pwd=MVZRRjJMdkNIWENtN1o2QWJyeWt2dz09>

Meeting ID: 772 3621 8642

Passcode: Yvfk9D

HOLIDAY CHILDCARE

Please click [here](#) for details of holiday camp provision being offered by Fir for Sport at Bayswater Children's Centre.

***God of Love,
As we think about all that has changed this year,
help us to trust that you are always with us.
As we remember those who have died,
help us to trust they are at peace with you.
As we reach out to others with kindness and care,
may hope shine out in every heart and home.
Amen***

Yours sincerely

Mrs. Wilson
Headteacher

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