



Mark 10 :35-45 29th Sunday Year B. Jesus reminds us that we are all equal and nobody is greater than anyone else ...'I have come to serve'.

18th October 2018

Dear Parents

Mass & Assembly –Year 1 class mass is on Tuesday 23rd October at 9:00am in the chapel, Parents and Grandparents welcome. Apologies but Year 6 assembly planned for Friday 19th October will now be re-scheduled for some time in January. Mrs Barber has a family funeral to attend on the 19th October.

Inset day – the third and final INSET day of the year has now been arranged. School will be closed on **Friday 11th January 2019** for staff training. This is the only date that the consultant trainer is available to lead our school improvement focus.

October – The Month of the Holy Rosary - we are inviting parents, grandparents and children to come into the hall and pray a decade of the Holy Rosary every Thursday morning in October at 8:40am. Please come along and take the opportunity to pray and reflect together.

Year 6 – transfer from Primary to Year 7 (High School) – September 2019. The online admission process is now open. Parents will need to log on to Tameside MBC school admissions and register to submit an application and access the 'Moving On' booklet www.tameside.gov.uk/admissions The closing date is Wednesday 31st October 2018. **Admissions submitted after this date will be treated as late.**

Social Media and On-line safety – please could I implore all parents to regularly check their children's messages and on-line activity. We have been made aware of some disturbing communications between children when at home. Despite many sessions of e-safety teaching, some children are completely unaware of the appropriate way to communicate and also of their vulnerability when communicating with people they don't know, usually through gaming sites. Please refer to our safeguarding website where there are updates about Fortnite and Tik Tok, formerly known as Musical.ly.

Parent Governor – we have a vacancy for a parent governor. The role of governor requires a commitment to attend 3 main meetings a year and a couple of sub-committee meetings. Governors will also be required to meet with relevant staff in school. If you think you are able to make this commitment, then please contact school. Should we have more than one willing volunteer then an election will take place. Some people will be ineligible to become a school governor. Please see the attached information.

School Dinner Money – Please would you bring any outstanding payments up-to-date; reminders have been sent out this week. Please ensure that money is placed in an envelope clearly marked with the pupils' name and class. Dinner money is collected every **MONDAY**. Payment can also be made via the Tameside MBC website www.tameside.gov.uk
We will not be able to issue a school dinner to any child where there is a debt of more than £20.00. In such cases parents will be expected to provide their child with a packed lunch.

School Fund - School fund for this term is £8.00. This voluntary fund is vital for subsidising resources, costumes for productions and helps towards extra chargeable curriculum enhancements.

Nursery Fund – Snack fund is £2.50 per week. We also ask for £1.00 a week as a voluntary contribution for curriculum enhancement as explained in the Nursery Prospectus and is available to view on the website under the Admissions section. Please make cheques made payable to: St. Peter's Catholic Primary School alternatively payments can be made via School Money Scheme www.schoolmoney.co.uk

Year 5 Residential Trip – please bring your instalments up-to-date. Payment by cash and cheque are acceptable. Payment can be made using the online payment systems www.schoolmoney.co.uk The next instalment of £40.00 is due 19th October.

Inset Friday 26th October – School closes Thursday 25th October at 3.20pm and re-opens on Monday 5th November after the half term holiday.

Porridge day in support of Mary's Meals – thank you to everyone who attended this worthwhile event. An impressive £56.13 was collected bringing the combined total to £166.13. Thank you to Mr White and the parent helpers for their help in preparing and serving and thank you again for your generosity in supporting this worthy charity.

Halloween Disco - PTA fund raising event will take place on Thursday 25th October 6:00 – 7:00pm for Year Nursery to Year 2 and at 7:15 – 8:15 for Year 3 to 6, £1.50 entrance fee. A Nursery parent is invited to stay to supervise their child; however **only 1 nursery parent** should accompany their child. Older children will not be able to attend the infant disco and vice versa. Please note children will not be allowed to bring mobile phones.

Christmas Fair – Saturday 24th November. Could any parents volunteer to help move tables on Friday evening from 6:00pm and move them back again at the end of the fair on Saturday? If so, please contact the parish 0161 338 2575.

Voluntary School Building fund – please could you consider making any donation to our fund. This fund allows us to access building projects to improve and maintain school. The suggested voluntary contribution is £15 per child but any donation would be greatly appreciated. Donations can now be made using our School Money Scheme www.schoolmoney.co.uk from next week.

Community events

LEGOLAND leaflets/Sealife Centre – discount leaflets for these attractions at the Trafford Centre are available from the school office.

All Saints Catholic College are hosting a **RACE NIGHT**, organised by the Parents in Partnership, on Friday 19th October. Doors open at 6:30pm and the first race is at 7pm. Tickets are available from the school and cost £3 for adults, £2 for children, and £8 for a family ticket (2 adults and 3 children). A hotpot supper is included in the price. Everyone is welcome!

There will be a family themed **Oktober Fest** evening in the parish hall on Saturday 20th October, with a traditional Bavarian brass band. Tickets are £5 for adults and £2 for children and can be bought from Akela (at cubs) or Ann-Marie Worrall on 07545379305. All proceeds go towards supporting two ex-pupils, Tom Worrall and Charlie McCallum, with the trip to the World Scout Jamboree, in North America. Bring your own drinks.

British Basketball League – we have been selected to receive up to 50 free tickets to attend the Great Britain Women EuroBasket 2019 Qualifiers: vs Greece (Saturday 17th November @ 7pm) and vs Portugal (Wednesday 21st November @ 7pm) Both games take place at the National Basketball Performance Centre (Kirkmanshulme Lane, Belle Vue, Manchester M12 4TF). If you would like to have the opportunity of possible selection, please contact the school office. The tickets are on a first come first serve basis.

Please find below some dates for your diary:

Thursday 25th October – Holy Rosary 8:40 – 8:50am.

Thursday 25th October – school closes for half term holidays.

Thursday 25th October – PTA Halloween Disco 6-7pm N-Year 2 7.15-8.15pm Year 3-6.

Friday 26th October – INSET day.

Friday 16th November - Young Shakespeare Year 4, 5 and 6.

Saturday 24th November – Parish Christmas Fair 11am – 3pm.

Tuesday and Wednesday 27th and 28th November – parents evening Tues 3:30 - 7:00pm, Wed 3:30 – 5pm.

Tuesday 11th December – infant production 9:20am and 2:30pm.

Monday 17th December – junior production 2:30pm and 5:45pm.

Kind regards

Mrs E. Summersgill
Headteacher