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Dear Parents, Guardians and Parishioners,

**Our School Value for this term:**

As part of our value 'Perseverance' we have looked at a video about sharing and doing something you believe in even if others don't appreciate what you are doing. We looked at a video (originally an advert) which made us think about doing right despite others.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cZGghmwUcbQ>

**SPORTS DAY – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May**

If you are new to school you may not be aware of how Sports Day works. For me this will be my first sports day at St Mary's too; for many families you may be aware of the routine.

Firstly, children wear school PE kit but they are required to wear a T shirt in the colour of their house. The day will run from 9:00am for the junior children and an opening ceremony will take place culminating in races typically starting between 10:00am-10:15am. The day lasts until about 2:30pm. Throughout the day children will take part in various races and sports activities. This year both races and activities will contribute towards house points.

If you have already ordered a school dinner your child will be provided with a school packed lunch. However should you wish to cancel the pre booked meal, please contact the school office before the 20<sup>th</sup> May and we will arranged for the meal to be cancelled. Alternatively, if you haven't already booked a meal and want your child to have a packed lunch, please do so through the wisepay system. Parents are welcome to join with us at lunch time, as we eat our packed lunches outside together.

I know personally the challenges of having to acquire a T shirt in various colours, however it does of course make the event very special for the children as they represent their house.

We get very excited by sports day as you would expect however we are also filled with trepidation hoping the weather will be good. Please be understanding should we need to cancel if the weather is horrid and do ensure children have sun cream, water and hats if the weather is wonderful. Thank you in anticipation.

**Year 6 SATS**

Ever since the 11+ and possibly before that, children have taken end of year tests at this point in their life. There has been a great deal of news coverage about the worries

regarding stress and expectations placed upon children at this time. At St Mary's we have tried to strike the balance between ensuring our children achieve their potential and ensuring we provide them the various curriculum activities eg art, PE and relaxing time. The children have worked very hard this week and have taken part in the SATS with confidence, despite the expected nerves, sitting the tests that cover the curriculum they have been taught in class, which has meant they have not been too emotional in school. I am sure that when the children get their results in the last week of term, they will know they have tried their best. The children have been generous with their words of thanks to those that have supported them, which has been very touching and supportive. We have ended the SATS with some well-deserved relaxing time! I am sure the children will sleep tonight.

**As a special treat this morning the children went to the park for some fun "down" time. Whilst they were there they found a powder blue Michael Kors ladies purse. If you have lost or if know anyone who has lost a purse matching the description please get in touch with the school office.**

### **Morning Routines**

As you know children are welcomed to school each day from 8.30am. We have become concerned about the number of children who appear to arrive at school before this time and are unaccompanied in the playgrounds. We ask that children are not left in the playgrounds before this time as there is no adult present to supervise them and ensure their safety. If you do require childcare before 8.30am please contact the school office and check the availability in the Breakfast Club.

Children who arrive at school on the buses should come straight into school as normal.

Thank you

### **INVICTUS GAMES**

I have been very impressed with the children who have been talking about the Invictus Games and sharing examples of perseverance this week.

Have a lovely weekend

**Mr Jones**

