



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

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*'Happy are those who hear the word of God
and keep it' Luke 11:28*

Dear Parent/Carer,

It was lovely to welcome back our pupils and staff to school yesterday especially after such an extended period of time and following a difficult set of circumstances. We have missed the pupils greatly and have worked incredibly hard to make our school environment as safe as possible for all members of our school Family. I would like to thank the Governors, Staff, Pupils and Families for their continued support and cooperation. It is imperative that we continue to work in partnership and follow guidance in order to ensure the safety and well being of all at St. Mary's School.

I am incredibly proud of how the pupils have adapted and accepted changes. It has been lovely to see both the familiar faces as well as many new faces looking so smart and happy and we look forward to supporting everyone to return to a school in which they can feel safe, happy and learn and grow. We thank you for continuing to support us to make this possible.

Into Class One we welcome....

Isaac Aya, William Barton, Jamie Bass, Isabella Bolton- Rigby, Keon Bruney, Maxwell Houlding, Bailey Jenkin, Esme Knott, Ellis Leigh, Louisa Nelson, Douglas Pye, Atonio Qereqeretabua, Freddie Reid, Harry Shaw, Jimmy Skeffington and Max Tidmarsh.

We look forward to getting to know them all and seeing all that they can achieve!!

We also welcome Leah and Charlie Whitehead into Key Stage Two. They have already settled into their 'Bubbles' and are busy making new friends.

Canon Adrian shares this prayer with us;

**Heavenly Father,
As we begin our new school year
we ask you to bless us with your protection.
May we grow in knowledge and love,
in a spirit of joy and peace.
We make this prayer through
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Bubble Arrival and Exit times and Social Distancing

Thank you for supporting us in facilitating our different entry and exit points and start and finishing times. Whilst I appreciate this can be difficult it is necessary in order to ensure we follow guidance and stay safe and ultimately means we can stay open for our pupils. We must ask you to continue to adhere strictly to these times.

Could I remind families of the Social Distancing guidance and ask that families do not gather at the school gates and/or surrounding areas. Coloured spots are provided so pupils can line up safely. Once the Pupil has been received onto these coloured dots we ask families to make their way home again this is to prevent gatherings. If you are waiting for another Bubble to open we ask that you wait in your car.

Should you have any questions or queries please feel free to contact myself or any staff member.

House Captains

Our House captains for the new school year have been selected and will be presented with their badges within their Class Bubble.

Matthew:	Cherry Davis
Mark:	Alex McKeever
Luke:	Rachel Kennedy
John:	Megan Southworth

School Photographs

Tempest Photography will be in school on Thursday 24th September from 8.30 a.m.. The photographer will take individual and family portraits. If you wish for younger siblings that don't attend school to join for the family photograph this slot will be at 8.30 am. – 9.00 a.m. in the School Hall.

Free School Meal – eligibility – Have You Registered for Pupil Premium?

As you will be aware pupils in Foundation Stages and Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) are eligible for a free school meal. Some pupils have a statutory entitlement to free school meals ie those pupils whose parents/carers are in receipt of one of the qualifying benefits. We still need you to register as this helps both the school and the pupils. The benefits are listed below for information:-

Free Schools Meals & Pupil Premium Eligibility Criteria: -

1. Universal Credit
2. Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
3. Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance
4. Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit
5. Support under Part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
6. Child Tax Credit (Income of less than £16,190)
7. Working Tax Credit
8. Income Support

If you require any support or further explanation please ask Mrs Lofthouse, our Office Manager, who will be happy to assist you.

Uniform and PE Kits

To help us continue to look as smart as we have been this week I ask that families ensure all items of uniform and PE kits are labelled with your child's name. Every year we do end up having to throw a great deal of lost property as items are not claimed/ labelled.

Please ensure any hair accessories worn are school colours only.

Pupils will require a full PE kit in school including trainers for outdoor P.E. and plimsolls for indoor lessons to enable them to take part. As part of your child's 'in school' kit please could we ask that you also send in a spare pair of socks and underwear. Children may need to change for any number of reasons and it is always a more comfortable experience if they are changing into their own clothes.

***** Full PE Kits will be required in school from next week as our coaches return *****

If you require any additional advice on uniform please see a staff member.

At St. Mary's School we

"Live our lives as Jesus taught us,

Work hard together to achieve our best,

Respect each other and the world around us,

Have fun and enjoy learning!"

