



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

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At St. Mary's we live and learn, sharing God's love

WITH GOD, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE

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WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to the start of another school year – one which I hope is going to be very different to the last! I have just reread my first newsletter from last year and it made me a little sad – it was so full of optimism for the year ahead! Wow, how differently things turned out. This last year has been one like no other and we have all experienced it in our own way. But I am thrilled that we are back in school, the staff are all smiling and the children have been amazing this week.

Life is very different and will remain so for a while. But, at least the children are in school, learning and being with their friends. A bit of normality after the strangest of times.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation this week. As with so many aspects of life now, we had to plan for returning in September in a way that we have never experienced before. I would like to say a huge thank you to the parents who have shown their appreciation and been very complimentary about how we are doing things. Many have said how reassured they feel, seeing and hearing about everything we have put in place.

I would also like to thank all of the staff for their efforts to prepare for the return and for all they have done in school this week to follow the guidelines set out.

Keeping everyone safe is our main priority. We will tweak the measures we have in place if we feel it is needed – but we will continue to follow the government guidelines for as long as is necessary.

NEW TO THE FAMILY

I would like to extend a huge welcome to the families who have joined our school family for the first time. We have new children in every year group from Nursery to year 6. I hope you will all be very happy here at St. Mary's, sharing many special moments and making lots of lovely memories.

CURRICULUM MEETINGS

As we start the new year, we would normally invite you to a curriculum meeting. For obvious reasons, these will not be taking place this year. However, if you would like information about what your child/ren are learning this term, curriculum maps will be available on our new website very soon. Alternatively, you are always welcome to contact your child's teacher via ClassDojo.

NEW WEBSITE

Speaking of the new website, this was launched in August. It has a very different look and feel to the old website so please do take a look. Information is still being transferred over but there is already a lot to look at. You will find this at www.st-marys-leyland.lancs.sch.uk

ASSEMBLIES

Unfortunately, our weekly celebration assemblies cannot take place at the moment. However, the children are still receiving Dojo points for making good choices and will receive prizes for reaching certain milestones.

