



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Head teacher:- Mrs Louise O'Mahony

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

10th January 2020



Happy new year! I hope you all had a really lovely Christmas season and enjoyed time with family and friends.

Thank you for all of the lovely presents, cards and kind wishes that we received for Christmas. Your kindness was very much appreciated.

Staffing

I am sure most of you will already know (or have noticed) the very exciting news about Mrs Hunter – which is that she is expecting her first baby in April! We are all so pleased for Mrs Hunter and her husband. Mrs Hunter will continue to teach her class until at least February half term. We are in the process of recruiting a temporary teacher to cover the maternity leave. I will, of course, let you know once a replacement has been appointed.

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We have welcomed two new members of staff to school this term.

Miss Langan actually joined us last term to cover for staff absence. She has now been offered the position of Year 1 and 2 class teacher to cover Mrs Whittaker's class, as Mrs Whittaker has decided to move on. Miss Langan was very pleased to accept the offer and will remain as the class teacher until the end of the school year.

Fridays in year 6 will now be covered by Mrs McDonald, in place of Mrs Sayers. Mrs McDonald is a very experienced teacher who was highly recommended by another local school. It's been her first day today and she is still smiling so we've got off to a good start!

I hope you will both be very happy working here at St. Mary's.

...and out....

As you know, Mrs Sayers has moved to another school to act as the head teacher for this term. She has already been in touch to say she is missing everyone but she is also thriving in her new role. I know she will be brilliant!

Mrs Traynor has decided, after 16 years, to leave her position as welfare assistant. Mrs Traynor has completed a number of roles within school during that time and I would like to thank her for her many years of service. We all wish you the very best for the future.

Temporarily, Mrs Hamer has been 'forced' to go on sick leave! She has been really struggling with her hip for some months now and had to finally admit before Christmas that she could not continue working until she has surgery. It's not been an easy decision for her to make but it's definitely the correct one. We miss her and wish her all the very best for the surgery and her recuperation.

In relation to this, we have not yet found a replacement for Mrs Hamer so I am currently covering part of her role as well as other staff members picking up extra work. Therefore, please can I ask for your patience if things aren't quite as you are used to them. We are doing our best and promise to keep improving!

Cake sale

On Wednesday 15th January, Mrs Knight is organising a cake sale to raise much needed funds for the relief effort for the victims of the bush fires in Australia. Please see the separate flier coming home tonight.

Flu vaccinations

If your child did not recently receive the flu vaccination in school, you can still access this by calling the Immunisation team on 03333583397 (option 6)

Reading at home

Please remember to continue reading with your child/ren. It is amazing how much regularly reading at home can impact on a child's fluency, confidence and ability in reading.

Changes to the menu

On Thursday 16th January the school kitchen are offering a special 'Jump into January' menu. Please see the posters around school.

Clubs this term

Choir – every Monday after school
Zumba – every Thursday after school
Eco Warriors - more details to follow

Sacramental Programme

For children on the Sacramental Programme, the next meeting is at 6:30pm on Monday 13th January.

Diary Dates

These are currently being finalised for the term ahead and will be sent home next week.

Thank you - I'm sure this will be another very successful and happy term at St. Mary's.

Mrs O'Mahony