



## *St. Mary's Catholic Primary School*

*Head teacher:- Mrs Louise O'Mahony*

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

**14<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

Happy Valentine's Day! I hope you all have a really fabulous day filled with much love!



**Don't forget, school is closed next week for half term.  
We reopen on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 8:50am.**



### **Staffing**

As you already know Mrs Hunter is expecting her first baby in April. We have spent this week trying to find a suitable replacement and I am very pleased to be able to tell you that we have made an excellent appointment. Mr Todd spent time in school earlier this week teaching the class and he was a huge hit with the children and the staff. We are looking forward to having him on the team and we believe he will be fantastic for the class. Mr Todd will work alongside Mrs Hunter for the first week back after the half term to ensure a smooth transition.

Mrs Hunter will finish school to begin her maternity leave on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February. We wish her much love and luck and are so excited to meet Baby Hunter!

We would also like to welcome Mr Todd and hope he will be very happy working with our amazing children, here at St. Mary's.

### **Punctuality**

We have recently noticed an increase in the number of children who are arriving late for school and, also, parents who are late collecting children from school at the end of the day. May I politely remind you that the school day officially starts at **8:50am** and ends at **3:10pm**. I would appreciate it if these times are respected and children are dropped off and picked up on time.

Did you know, that being just 15 minutes late each morning means your child would miss the equivalent of **10 days** from school each year!

### **Attendance**

Anything less than 100% attendance means that your child is missing out on their education.

- **Ten whole days of school has been missed if your child has 95% attendance.**
- **Twenty whole days of school has been missed if a pupil's attendance is 90%.**
- **By the time a pupil is persistently absent (85% attendance) they have missed 6 weeks or half a term of schooling**

Research shows that pupils who attend school regularly are more likely to do well in the future. Regular attendance helps children to develop their confidence and to make and keep lasting friendships.

Please try and ensure that your child is in school all day every day as this is the best way to ensure that they reach their full potential.

