



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

6th September 2019

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to the start of another school year! I am so pleased to be back as I do miss the children over the holidays. It has been lovely welcoming them back to school or, indeed, to school for the very first time. It has been wonderful listening to them sharing their summer news. They all look so smart and seem very happy to be back.

I do hope you have all had a wonderful summer and had the chance to spend some quality time together. I am very excited about the year ahead. I hope you and your children are too.

NEW TO THE FAMILY

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

I would also like to welcome back all of the staff. I hope you have all had a lovely summer and a well-earned rest. We have a very strong staff team who all share a common goal – providing the best education we can for your children in a caring, nurturing environment.

HEAVEN HAS A NEW ANGEL...

TO LIVE IN HEARTS
WE LEAVE BEHIND
IS NOT TO DIE

THOMAS CAMPBELL

Unfortunately, I have to report some devastating news which has affected our whole school family. Many of you will know Mrs Woodward as she is one of our longest serving members of staff and her three children all attended our school. At the beginning of the summer holidays, Andrew, her eldest son, was taken ill without warning. Sadly, despite immediate medical attention, nothing could be done for Andrew and he passed away – at the age of 34.

As you can imagine the family are heartbroken and still trying to come to terms with how and why this has happened. Andrew was a very successful young man who recently married. He had such an exciting life ahead of him. It is so difficult to try and offer comfort when you don't understand the situation yourself.

I cannot imagine how the family are feeling but, on behalf of children and parents, I have offered our deepest condolences to Gretta, John, Christopher, Jennifer and the whole family for their loss. I just hope that knowing how many people are thinking of them and offering their heartfelt sympathy will bring them some comfort.

As a staff, we have decided to have a mass for Andrew. We would also like to have a collection to be able to buy something to put in the school grounds in memory of Andrew. If this is something you would like to contribute to, please put your donation in an envelope marked 'Andrew' and hand it in to the school office. Thank you.

CURRICULUM MEETINGS

As we start the new year, we would like to invite you to a meeting in school, for you to find out more about the curriculum and the expectations within your child's new class/department. This will be an informative session but also an opportunity to ask the teachers any questions you or your child may have.

The meetings will take place on

Monday 16th September @ 2:15pm for parents of children now in years 1 and 2

Tuesday 17th September @ 2:15pm for parents of children now in years 3 and 4

Wednesday 18th September @ 2:15pm for parents of children now in years 5 and 6

I do hope you will be able to come along.

ASSEMBLIES

Our awards assemblies are going to be at different times from next week.

- Reception and Key Stage 1 will now be at 9am on Wednesday mornings.

- KS2 will now be at 9am on Friday mornings.

You will still be invited to these assemblies when your child wins the Head teacher award. I hope the change doesn't cause any inconvenience.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Due to national VE day celebrations, the May Day holiday which was originally Monday 4th May 2020 has been moved to Friday 8th May.

ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL

If your child is in year 6, please see the separate letter regarding the meeting next week and the open evening.

ROALD DAHL DAY

Don't forget that next Friday is the celebration of Roald Dahl's birthday and gives your child/ren the opportunity to dress in yellow or as a character from one of his books. I'm sure it will be a really fun day in school.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

This term we will be offering:

Choir

Faith in Action

Zumba

Karate

Keyboard lessons

Craft club

Cheerleading

Eco Warriors

Writing club

Watch out for letters which will be sent separately with full details. (Please note that not all clubs will be open to all key stages.)

This has been such a lovely first week back at school and I am looking forward to the term ahead. Enjoy your weekend.

Mrs O'Mahony