



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WEEK BEGINNING 5th September 2017



*"We pray, We work, We play,  
We care, We do our best."*



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Dear Parents,

On behalf of all the staff at St. Mary's, I hope you had a wonderful break with your children and are ready for a new school year! It is a great pleasure to see them back after the summer holidays and we cannot wait to get started! I am so proud of all that we achieved last year, culminating in a very successful OFSTED inspection. This year we will continue to build on these foundations to give your children the very best possible care, education and opportunities that we are able to.

I am very excited about the coming year and really look forward to continuing to enhance the provision of our school for the benefit of our wonderful children. It has been a busy summer at school with the building of the new junior toilets, a new ceiling, lighting and doors in the junior area and the creation of a new entrance into the infants. Alongside the stunning changes already made last school year, this is an exciting period of development at St. Mary's and school is looking wonderful.

This year we are delighted to welcome Mr O'Shea to our school staff. He will be teaching in Class 3 and I am sure that everybody will extend a very warm welcome to him as he settles in at St. Mary's. We are also very grateful that Mrs Sullivan will continue her role for two days a week for the first term in supporting our school further.

Please could I remind you about the new arrangements for picking up infant children for the new school year. You can pick your child up any time between 3:15 pm and 3:25 pm from their classroom door NOT the front of school. We have seen this work well at other schools and it will go some way to relieving congestion at the front of school. The side gate to the infants will be open from 3:15 pm onwards and parents can then walk round to the two infant classrooms for a safe handover any time between then and 3:25 pm. For the children in the juniors there is no change to arrangements and they will be released from class at 3:30 pm to meet parents at the front of school. Parents of Year 6 children may wish for their child to walk home on their own but we need written permission for this -please see the office for a letter giving your consent for this. As introduced last year, if children are waiting over five minutes to be picked up they will be placed in after-school club where a fee will have to be paid. This new measure has meant that staff are no longer looking after children when school has officially finished for what was sometimes up to an hour. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Could I also please give a reminder about our new school uniform policy. As shared with you last year, only white shirts and ties are permitted from now on, polo tops are no longer part of our uniform. Boys should be in grey trousers with black shoes, and girls need grey skirts or trousers. Blue check summer dresses are allowed in warm weather. Socks should be plain in either white, grey or black. Extravagant hair bows are not allowed; girls' hair should be tied up with a simple bobble. Earrings should also be plain silver or gold studs. It may be necessary for us to share some reminders about the above with you on an individual basis whilst everyone get used to things. Please do not take offence if this is the case, I am sure you can all understand the importance of our children looking smart and complying with policy.

I am honoured and delighted to take over as acting-headteacher until Christmas and I want to assure you that I will give 100% commitment, enthusiasm and passion to the position, making sure that all decisions made have the children's best interests at heart and building on the firm foundations laid by Miss Nolan. I have had the good fortune to work with some amazing head-teachers over the years which I hope will help prepare me for this privileged position. I want to reiterate to parents that both myself and all staff members are here for you should you have any queries or concerns so please do not hesitate to contact us. I will also make myself available to you whenever the need arises whether you want to meet at school or get in contact via telephone. I am proud of the partnership that exists between parents and school and I want to build on this even further over the coming year.

I look forward to our children shining throughout another successful year at St. Mary's and our continuing partnership with yourselves to ensure the very best for your precious children.

Best wishes

Mr Mashiter



## Celebration Assembly's Septemeber 2017

**8th September PM start 2.45PM**

**15th September AM**

**22nd September PM**

**29th September AM**

**PLEASE ENSURE IF GRAPES  
ARE BEING PUT IN PACK  
LUNCHES THEY ARE CUT IN  
HALF**



## Diary Dates September 2017



**11th September**

**PE for all Classes Tom Bamber**

**18th September**

**Swimming Lessons Y5 1.15 –1.15pm Coach pick up 12.45 back**

**2.45pm**

**22nd September**

**Robin wood weekend Y6**

**25th September**

**Swimming Lessons Y5 1.15 –1.15pm Coach pick up 12.45 back**

**2.45pm**

**2nd October**

**Swimming Lessons Y5 1.15 –1.15pm Coach pick up 12.45 back**

**2.45pm**

**6th October**

**School photographer**



**Help grant scheme. This means we could win up to £4000 to help create an outdoor classroom for the children to use when in school. Even if you can't get to Tesco in Great Harwood or Colne you can still help by saving up your blue tokens and bringing them into School . We will then put them in the box for you. We will keep you updated on progress.**

**Exciting developments! Some photos of the building work carried out at the school over summer.**

