



# St. Mary's School



22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2017

Dear Parents,

We were very pleased to welcome the parents who were able to come to the Meet the Teacher Evening last week.



For those parents who were unable to join us, here is a list of our staff, some you already know, and some you won't have met yet.

Mrs. Harber - our new Deputy Head working in Year 5 with Mr. Griffiths - she is in charge of IT, Assessment and Data, and all sorts of other things too numerous to mention.

Mrs. Smith - is our senior teacher, English Lead, Designated Safeguarding Lead, Student Welfare and also, other things too numerous to mention.

Mrs. Atkey-Smith - who many of you will already know is now in Year 4 - she works with students who come into school for work experience, and running netball team.

Mr. Hargreaves remains in Year 3 and is the PE and Maths Lead.

Miss Hill - is in Year 2, she is our ENCO, and is leading our work on Forest Schools. She has a day out of class to keep us up to date with our paperwork and timetables for all our support, and this is covered by Mr. Griffiths.

Miss Rogers is in Year 1 and she is a PE and Sports specialist.

Mrs. Le Moignan is in Reception, with Mrs. Coutanche - and they have all sorts of responsibilities between them - KS 1 manager, primary first aider, Science co-ordinator.

We are here to work with you in the best interests of your children - so if you want to come in and see us, then just give us a ring or just pop in.

## **REMINDERS**

Can we ask that you please check your Parentmail, as we have a number of parents asking about school events. New parents to school should have had a letter about Parentmail, if you haven't please contact the office.



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Also we are now trying to regularly put information on the website, please take a look!

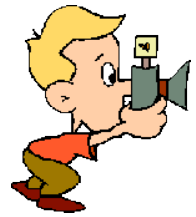
## PARENT CONSULTATIONS

These will be happening on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October, look out for a letter coming home next week. Remember, appointment requests are done on a first come first served basis.

## BENTLEY PHOTOGRAPHIC

The school photographer will be coming into school next Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> to take individual/sibling portraits.

If you would like to have a photo taken of your child with their younger or older siblings who do not attend St. Mary's School, you are very welcome to come in from 8.30am and these will be taken on a first come first served basis. Please note that siblings in school will automatically have their photo taken together.



## CATHOLIC FAITH CLASSES

If your child is Catholic and is in Year 3 to 6 and you would like them to attend a Catholic Faith sharing class on a Friday morning, please contact the office for an application form. If your child already attends, please remind them that the class starts next Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September.

## SPORTS NEWS.

The Triathlon Super League takes place this weekend and Mr. Hargreaves arranged for 4 world class athletes to come and visit Key Stage 2 children yesterday afternoon for a question and answer session, which they all thoroughly enjoyed.

## RECEPTION - Mrs Le Moignan

The children are beginning to settle well in to Reception. We have enjoyed sharing our 'Getting to Know You Posters,' we are making new friends and building our class community. Well done everyone for saying goodbye at the classroom door, it really does make the morning routine smoother as well as encouraging the children to develop independence. We have started learning phonics in Read, Write Inc. and we are counting and ordering using numbers to 10.





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Next week we will be starting our exciting new mini topic 'Man on the Moon' based on the children's interests! If anyone has any quality junk we would be grateful for it (e.g. strong cardboard boxes, kitchen roll tubes, egg boxes, tin foil, buttons, foil cases etc.) Also if anyone has any unwanted or spare bike helmets we would love to have them. Please ensure that your child has their book bag and a coat in school every day and please check the Reception notice board for daily messages. Thank you,



The Reception Team



## YEAR 1 - Miss Rogers

Over the past few weeks we have been busy working hard in maths, counting to ten and finding number bonds. We created our own version of wooden baskets for Red Riding Hood during art which involved lots of glitter, glue and pom-poms. We have had a special visit from Little Red Riding Hood who answered questions about her story, and helped us with our writing work. We will continue to look at different fairy tales over the next few weeks and will begin to write stories of our own.



## YEAR 2 - Miss Hill

We have had a fantastic start to the year and have already been learning about a wide range of things. In Maths we have been focusing on place value and counting. In Literacy we are up and running with RWI and will be beginning a project on 'The Day the Colours Quit' in Literacy this week. In topic we have been thinking about our rights and responsibilities and what a community is. Mr Griffiths has also been discussing what is fair and unfair.



In class we have also been thinking about what good learning looks like and have been practicing our listening and lining up skills. We have already had lots of things to celebrate in class and the children have been earning lots of rewards. Last week we also carried out our school council elections and organised our class council. We will hold class council meetings every couple of weeks and discuss any issues the children are experiencing and their suggestions to help school develop.



Miss Hill and the Year 2 Team ☺





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## YEAR 3 - Mr Hargreaves

### Topic

Our first topic is Dream team, and we have been doing lots of teambuilding activities to develop the skills of cooperation, communication, sharing, listening and working together.

### English

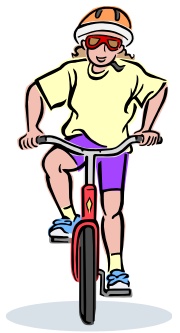
In Literacy and Language we have explored the text Sand Wizards by Jan Blake. We have learnt about the characters, friendships and how to create mood and atmosphere in writing. We have also started the new Year 3 Spelling log-Books to support spelling in Year 3.

### Maths.

We have been learning all about Place Value up to 4 digits. To do this we have been using Diene's Apparatus, as well as Place Value counters.

### PE

Year 3 has started cycling in PE lessons to develop the skills so that everyone can ride a bike safely



## YEAR 4 - Mrs. Atkey-Smith

Welcome back and I hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday. In Year 4 we have been revisiting our class and school values and creating our 'Class charter'. We have also voted for our new class representatives on the school council. Congratulations to Theo and Molly who will be learning the roles and responsibilities of the position.

We have also looked at what makes a Hero, by learning about famous heroes and their characteristics. We look forward to sharing the children's home learning presentations on their chosen hero!

## YEAR 5 - Mrs. Harber and Mr. Griffiths

Year 5 had a wonderful day on Friday welcoming our guests from Estonia, who shared their local culture by performing songs and dance routines to all the children in Key Stage 2. A lot of the class were also keen to join in with the dancing, which created a wonderful atmosphere and





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brightened the whole morning for the school. The children spent some time getting to know our guests and although there were language barriers, the class were welcoming and very mature whilst sharing information about themselves. The children made group posters and included drawings of their families and interests, which in turn was reciprocated by our Estonian friends and created a lovely shared experience that all the children enjoyed.

## **YEAR 6 - Mrs. Smith**

They have all had a fantastic time in France. They have had a busy week, kayaking, abseiling, cycling and many more activities. There will be some very tired children, and staff arriving home today, the boat is due in at 7pm.