

Headteacher Report to Parents 2018

ST MARY MAGDALEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

This report will be much shorter than previous years as the app notifications keep you updated on news several times a week and I do not want to repeat myself. There is so much to celebrate at our school and the app really does that for us. If you have not yet downloaded it yet you will be missing a great deal. Just download school jotter from your app store and search for our school.

YEAR 6

Thank you to our Year 6 children who throughout their time at St Mary Magdalen's have been wonderful examples of a good behaviour, hard work, kindness and friendship. The whole class are moving on to All Hallows' together and we wish them love, luck and happiness in all that they do.

VOLUNTEERS

As you know we had a special assembly and buffet for all the people who volunteer in our school. It may amaze you to know how many of them there are. There are 10 governors, a nucleus of 10 PTFA members and a further 20 people who come into school weekly and help our children by testing spellings, hearing children read and generally supporting their learning. To all of them we say a huge thank you. If any of you would like to come on board you would be more than welcome and you will have a full induction.

RESULTS

As ever we are hugely proud of our children's academic achievements. For some children learning does not come easily but they do not give up and strive for progress. When it comes we celebrate it, no matter how small the step. It has been wonderful to see the children absorbing all our work on growth mind sets and building resilience. It is our wish that all our children leave our school knowing why they are valued, what their talents are and that they are proud of the person that they are and what they have achieved. The end of year 6 SATs results can be found under the key information tab on the website – they are **amazing!**

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

Never ones to get complacent we always strive to improve further. Our focus subjects for next year will be Computing and Art. We are also seeking to enhance; Reading by developing a love of reading (particularly in boys); Writing by using a wonderful resource called Pobble which you will be hearing about a lot, Maths by focussing on times tables in the juniors and number bonds in the infants. We are also having a complete overhaul on homework to ensure that the work children are doing at home is purposeful and things that parents feel confident with.

BUDGETS

The greatest challenge at the moment is making ends meet. We have managed to protect the hours of our support staff this year and we will strive to do the same next year as we know they have a huge impact on outcomes for our children. It is going to be necessary to ask parents for money as I have explained previously, we will endeavor to find the best prices for everything.

STAFF SUCCESSES

PTFA

This year the PTFA have given school £7,500. We have bought books for the library and the reading scheme and we have bought three touch screens with that money which will be fitted in the summer. By September every class will have a touchscreen. This would not have been possible without the work of this wonderful group of people and if their events were not so well supported by you. Thank you and if you can spare a little time for us in the evening our next meeting is on Monday 10th September at 6.30pm and our first event next year will be a family bingo.

Mr Gaughan and Miss Brooker have completed their middle leader's qualification this year. Their middle leader project focused on boys achievement in EYFS. (Reception Class). Miss Brooker has also been leading science sessions across the county and Mr Gaughan is a lead computing teacher. Congratulations to them. Mrs Bradley is to be congratulated to as she has completed her CCRS. (Certificate of Religious Studies). This is a huge amount of work-well done Mrs Bradley for getting to the end.

SPORT

Mr Gaughan produces a very detailed sports report annually so that parents can see the wealth of sporting experiences the children are entitled to. The report can be found [here](#). We are grateful for all the work he does as much of it has been in his own time. Next year Phil will continue to work with the children who need practice on their motor skills. He will also give each class a series of lessons introducing them to a new sport. Each class will also have half a term of dance with Louise Ross and half a term of gymnastics with Mrs Di Franco.

BEHAVIOUR

The behaviour in school is always excellent but this year we have reduced the number of detentions and raised the percentage of green awards yet again.



ATTENDANCE FIGURE

This week our attendance figure is 97.6%. This is way above last year's national average of 96%. Thank you for your wonderful support with this.

THANK YOU

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the governors, we are blessed to have such a committed and involved governing body. At St Mary Magdalen's we are a staff team and I feel incredibly lucky to lead a team of such talented teachers and support staff. Thank you to them for their hard work, their quality teaching and for their love and care of our children. You have responded so well to our Parentmail surveys and I hope that you will spend a minute completing the annual one. We analyse these very carefully and really value you input as to how we operate in school. Thank you for your continued support and have a wonderful summer with your wonderful children.

Mrs Gallagher