



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER



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## HEAD'S NOTES

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are nearing the end of our first full week at school and everyone is beginning to settle into their classes and routines. As I meet children in the hallways, playground and school hall and visit them in their classrooms, they are full of smiles and positive attitudes, which I love! Every child is showing pride in the way they dress and present themselves, as well as being aware and keeping safe around the school. I have heard of many acts of kindness amongst the children and staff, which is so important in a school community or indeed in any walk of life.

On Wednesday morning we celebrated our Mass for the beginning of term, which was a beautiful, calm and sacred time together. Canon Millet reminded us all that God loves each of us and knows each one of us by name. We try to show love for each other as we go through our daily lives in school and families. I will continue to try to learn every child's name over the next week! Thank you to parents and friends who came to Mass, it was great to see you.

Next week, Year 6 embark on their residential trip to Simonsbath, on Exmoor, with Mrs McDonagh, Mrs Hughes, Mrs Morea and Mr Dogdson. They are full of anticipation and excitement and they will develop new skills in the activities they experience, as well as growing in independence and team work. When they return to us on Friday, they will use these experiences to challenge themselves in their learning and to lead the school with confidence and maturity. Good luck to you all and have fun!

I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

God Bless.

Mrs Howie-Lee

### SOME DIARY DATES

17.9.2018: Year 6 children leave for residential trip to Simonsbath.

21.9.18: Year 6 children return.

03-10-18: Individual and sibling group photographs for all children.

## **SAFEGUARDING!**

This still remains at the top of my list of priorities. Many parents have commented that they prefer the drop off and pick up arrangements now and that the children are safer. However, we remain alert to potential risks around the school.

Mrs Smith and I have been monitoring gates, doorways and playgrounds and have taken external advice on how to ensure site security.

**Consequently, from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September, the school will only be accessed through the gate on the Infant playground from 8.20am in the morning and 2.50 pm in the afternoon. This gate will be closed promptly.**

Please can I also remind you to be extremely cautious when driving cars in and out of school. There are still pedestrians accessing school through these gates.

Late comers will still enter school through the main reception.

## **AWARDS OF THE WEEK**

Nursery: Noah P - for settling in so well and coming in each day with a smile!

Class 1: Betsy G – for being a kind friend every day

Class 2: Annie F – for making such a super start to school

Class 3: Verity J – for being super kind and a lovely friend

Class 4: Zofia D – for fantastic listening and concentration!

Class 5: Joshua B – for always trying his best and being a super role model

Class 6: Sophie D – for being a role model, trying her best and supporting others

Class 7: Theo E – for impressive attitude to learning and for his lovely joined handwriting

Class 8: Charlie G – for a positive and confident start to Year 5!

Class 9: Cullin P – for having an enthusiastic attitude to his learning and being a great role model

Class 10: Emily F – for being a super role model in every possible way

**Headteacher's Award: Cullin P**