



# St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

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## A QUICK HELLO

It has been a real privilege working at St Mary's this week. I have been made to feel very welcome by all and the children are a real credit to you and the school. The conduct and behaviour of the pupils is superb and they speak so positively about **their** school which is just fantastic. I really enjoyed getting to know them during our Friday worship celebration.

It has also been lovely to meet a number of you informally at the beginning of today and I will hopefully get the opportunity to catch up more over the coming weeks. I am very keen to get to know the fabric of St Mary's quickly and to ensure that the lines of communication are very much two way and supportive.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

Welcome back! We are back to school and launching into a new school year. We have had a very positive start: the children and staff have been enthusiastic about so much already! Thank you to all our families for their ongoing support. This week the children revisited AMDG – ad maiorem dei gloriam, showing that all we do in school (and life) is, ultimately, 'for the greater glory of God'. They also considered our school mission and how we live out our aims through the acronym SANCTA: Support-Aspire-Nurture-Challenge-Trust-Achieve. We remind ourselves that so much of what we do in school is inseparable from our links to God and our faith. This afternoon we have shared Friday Worship, where we named our Class Captains for the term. Faith Friends and School Councillors will be shared next week. We continue to keep our beloved Fr John and his family in our thoughts and prayers.

## WEDNESDAY WORD

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/summer-holidays?pid=MTA101634&v=35.16>

## COMMUNICATION

We have now transferred to new email addresses: soon the st-marys-marplebridge versions will disappear and all our email addresses will contain mmb instead. Any office related information should go to [vmajor@mmb.srscmat.co.uk](mailto:vmajor@mmb.srscmat.co.uk) and/or [sosborne@mmb.srscmat.co.uk](mailto:sosborne@mmb.srscmat.co.uk)

## FOOD UPDATES

Please be aware that an increasing number of pupils in school have severe food allergies. The number of pupils with epipens on hand, in case of anaphylactic shock, is approaching 20: our school nurse visited school on the INSET day to provide refresher training regarding medical needs for all staff. We are already a nut-free school, but it can be easy to forget. **No nuts, hummus, seeded breads or similar items are allowed in school, so please bear this in mind when planning packed lunches. We cannot stress the importance of this and we thank you for your co-operation and support in this matter.**

## INHALERS

Before the summer break, any inhalers that were almost out of date were sent home. If your child requires an inhaler and we do not currently have this in school, please pop into the office with a new inhaler and spacer.

## MS TEAMS

Just to let you know that we are currently unable to access MS Teams. Please note that class letters will be sent via pupil book bags on this occasion. Thank you for your understanding.



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## CLASS CAPTAINS

Congratulations to the following children who have been elected class captains for the year by their peers. This is a fantastic achievement and they should feel very proud. We are sure they will do a magnificent job this year.

**Year 1** - Amelia

**Year 2** - Florence

**Year 3** - Joshua

**Year 4** - Orry

**Year 5** - Bella

**Year 6** - Daisy

## BIRTHDAYS

As we are a healthy school, we ask that the children do not bring in sweets to school on their birthday. Due to the increase in allergies also, we feel this is the correct decision to take. This academic year, each class will introduce their own birthday traditions to celebrate each pupil's birthday. **To support this drive, we would like to invite your child/ren to wear their own clothes when it is their birthday. We feel this will allow them to feel extra special and will allow the school community to wish them a 'happy birthday!' If their birthday is at the weekend, or in the school holidays, they can choose to wear non-uniform on the Friday before, or the Monday after. If they celebrated their birthday in August, they can choose a day to wear their own clothes in September.**

## HEALTHY SNACKS

Just a reminder about snacks at morning break time. Children in Key Stage 2 will need to bring in a snack for morning break time. This needs to be a piece of fruit or vegetables, such as carrot/cucumber sticks. The children in Key Stage 1 receive free fruit and vegetables in the morning, as part of the government scheme, however they can bring in a snack of fruit/veg if they wish. If in doubt, check that the snack generates no rubbish or wrapping other than peel or a core!

## UNIFORM

Please ensure coats, jumpers, ties, shoes, shirts etc. as well as PE kits are all clearly labelled. If you use a biro in the short term, remember to repeat this after doing the washing!

## DROP OFF AND PICK UP

Arrival time has returned to 8.45-8.55am, with all pupils in class for registration by 9.00am; the end for the school day has returned to 3.15pm for all pupils.

## PARKING

As drop off and pick up time returns to normal, the surrounding roads are likely to be busier. Please share with family members our agreed parking rules: if another person is picking up/ dropping off your child, you may need to share the following points. Please do not park on Lowry Drive and ensure safe parking on neighbouring roads. Please avoid mounting the kerb, parking in the bus bay and parking on the corners of Lowry/ Constable/ Hogarth.

## A FINAL THOUGHT

We can all make a positive difference; be the sunshine that brightens the day for somebody.

*Wishing everyone a well-deserved and happy weekend!*

*Mr Paul Ackers and Miss Alice Poole*