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July 2019 Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and friends of St Mary's,

As we approach the end of yet another school year, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your help, support and interest this year. We have had another very busy and successful year in school and you, as partners in the education of your children, deserve much of the credit for that. Wow, what a year!

Each of your children has brought such joy and happiness to our school. St Mary's is so blessed to have such a wonderful group of children. They all have touched our lives this school year in very positive and rewarding ways.

Having parental support and open lines of communication is an essential part of any successful school year. Thank you for all you have done to make our year so fulfilling and memorable.

As you know I have spent 2 days a week this year supporting another local school. This arrangement comes to an end in August. It has been a privilege to work alongside another school and whilst being extremely challenging to run two schools it has taught me lots of things. I am most proud of the many staff at St Mary's who have also given up their own time and energies to support another school. It has highlighted what a wonderful team we have here.

As you know we were inspected a little over 2 weeks ago and we are delighted that the school has retained its Good status. It gives great recognition to the wonderful staff and children at St Mary's. There were so many fantastic comments about all aspects of our school and I was very pleased that many of them linked directly to our school vision and values. However, despite this report we are not complacent and we will continue to look for ways to improve our school and build on the broad education we offer to all children.

School uniform

As you know we have stopped asking children to wearing pumps during the school day. Black shoes have always been part of the St Mary's school uniform and we politely ask that all children return to school wearing school shoes and not trainers. Trainers are needed for PE or for children to change into a break times if they want to go on the grass.

School Building Works

St Mary's was recently successful in securing a grant from the Diocese to replace the facias on our roof and the older windows around school. You may have noticed these works being undertaken. The work will continue in the summer holiday and I am sure that you will agree that the building looks improved already.

Courage

As you know our value this term has been COURAGE. It has been amazing to see pupils live out this value in their everyday lives. From children who have overcome difficulties in their work, to those who have demonstrated courage in trying something new or taking part in a new sporting activity. Please talk to your children about how they have been courageous and what examples they have seen in school this term. We will have a new value to work on next term.

Goodbye to YEAR 6

The end of a school year is always bitter sweet and this year is no exception. The children have been exceptional in their attitude to work and their achievements have been substantial. Their unfaltering commitment to their school community is an inspiration to us all.

We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them and wish them every blessing as they leave St Mary's and begin a new journey. They have had a fantastic start to their school life and we have every confidence that they will go from strength to strength.

A huge thank you to their parents also – your support has been overwhelming and has made all our jobs more enjoyable.



Breakfast Club

From September we will not be offering a Breakfast club. There has not been enough uptake on our trial but we do hope to offer bagel's each morning when the children arrive.

Family Support Worker

A new member of staff joins us in September. Lyndsey Charnley will work Tuesdays, Thursdays and Friday mornings at St Mary's. She will be available to meet with any parents during these times and I know she will be a great asset to our team.

And finally.....

A reminder that school closes for the summer holidays Thursday **24th July at 2 p.m.**
School will reopen for children on 3rd September.



Staff would just like to wish all children a very happy summer. We look forward to working with you again next year.