

# St Mary Queen of Martyrs Newsletter

Friday 25th September 2020

*Be the best that you can be, Jesus loves you always*

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been utterly amazing to welcome all the children back to school and see classrooms buzzing with activity once more. The children have all settled back into new school routines so brilliantly—they truly are a credit to you all. Although, we cannot gather currently as a whole school, the children are working well and having liturgies in their classes or outside—whilst the weather is nice.

Thank you for continued support and words of encouragement during these unprecedented times.



Thank you for the well wishes and the warm welcome that you have given me as I take over the role as Head of School at St Mary Queen of Martyrs. I have been teaching for many years and the last ten years I have been teaching at St Richard's VC Academy. The last four years I was Head of School at St Richard's so I have been part of St Cuthbert's Multi-Academy Trust for quite some time.

I am looking forward to meeting you all over the coming months.

We also welcome two new teachers to St Mary Queen of Martyrs; Miss Illingworth and Mrs Hayden-Craggs. Miss Illingworth is teaching in Phase 2, with year 3 and year 4 children and Mrs Hayden-Craggs is teaching in Phase 3, with year 5 children.

### **Staffing Overview:**

EYFS: Mrs Read, Miss Goodby, Mrs Allen & Mrs Hewitt

Y1: Miss Henderson and Mrs Crowshaw

Y2: Mrs Broadhead, Mrs Redmond and Mr Herman

Y3/Y4: Mr Evans, Miss Illingworth and Mrs Burke

Y5/Y6: Mrs Hayden-Craggs, Mrs Pickard, Mr Luscombe and Miss Allen

### **COVID: SOCIAL DISTANCING**

A huge thank you to the parents for using the one-way system that we have had to implement. The doors will continue to remain open between 8.40am-8.55am to allow for a continuous flow of children into the school. Children can arrive anytime during this 15 minute 'window' to allow for social distancing between parents and carers on the playground.

We would like to remind you that, were possible, only ONE parent or carer should be dropping off or collecting from the school site as the fewer the parents/carers we have on the school site, the easier it is to social distance.

We would also like to remind parents/carers that the play equipment is not to be used by children and that as soon as you have dropped off or collected your child, please continue to follow the one way system and leave the school site as swiftly as possible. Please do not block the exit gate by talking to other parents or encouraging your child to leave the site. Collection of your child/ren can occur between 2.50pm and 3.10pm, again this is to allow you to successfully social distance.

Thank you for your continued support.

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## Birthday celebrations:

Unfortunately, we are really sorry but at the moment children are unable to bring in cakes/buns/sweets for their birthday celebrations. Sorry for the inconvenience however we have to follow government guidelines.

## Breakfast Club:

Due to social distancing measures, we are currently having to limit the children that attend breakfast club.

To manage this, there is now a booking system in place and you will receive a link fortnightly, to allow you to book a place. We do require a parent or guardian to drop off for breakfast club.

Payment for breakfast remains the same.

## Thought for the week:

*Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things, with great love—Mother Teresa.*



## Attendance

Last week, the week ending 18th September 2020, our whole school attendance was:

**98.8%**

## Dates for diaries:

**Monday 5th October**—Harvest Festival collection begins

**Friday 9th October**—Harvest Festival Liturgy

**Friday 23rd October**—School closes for October half term

**Monday 2nd October**—School reopens

**Thursday 5th November**—Bonfire Night

**Sunday 8th November**—Remembrance Sunday

**Wednesday 11th November**—Remembrance Liturgy

**Friday 18th December**—school closes for Christmas holidays

**Monday 4th January**—Spring term starts

**Friday 12th February**—School closes for February half term

**Monday 22nd February**—school reopens

**Friday 26th March**—school closes for Easter holiday

**Monday 12th April**—Summer term starts

**Monday 3rd May**—MAY DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED

**Monday 10th May**—Key Stage 2 SATS week

**Friday 28th May**—School closes for May half term

**Wednesday 21st July**—school closes for summer holidays

**Mrs Coldham**

**Head of School**

*Have a lovely weekend*

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