



ST
MARY'S
C OF E
(VC)
JUNIOR
SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

21st April
2017

WELCOME BACK TO THE SUMMER TERM

I am delighted to be able to write my first newsletter as the new Headteacher of St. Mary's C of E (VC) School. All the staff and children have made me feel so welcome and I feel privileged to be joining your school community. Being a mum of two boys, I am very much aware of the responsibility that my staff and I have in ensuring that the highest standards of teaching and learning are evident in all areas.

Since my appointment in October 2016, I have had the opportunity to visit the school on several occasions and meet with Mrs Jenkins, pupils and staff. I would like to say thank you to Mrs Jenkins for her support in ensuring my transition into the role as new Headteacher was as smooth as possible.

My priority as Headteacher is to ensure that St. Mary's continues to aim to become an outstanding school. I intend to get to know the pupils, staff and the school community as a whole and ensure that we are meeting the needs of all our pupils to achieve their full potential in their academic, creative, personal, physical, moral and spiritual development.

Within the context of Christian belief and practice, our school has developed a set of core values which will continue to underpin all the work we do. These values will have a huge impact as your child develops. They help to deepen your child's positive values and, in doing so, help them consider the implications of their choices in relation to themselves, the communities from which they are part and the wider world.

I know how vital working in partnerships with parents really is, in order for children to find school a positive and rewarding experience. I strongly believe that achievement and enjoyment go hand in hand to ensure each child's excellent progress. I hope you will continue to support our high expectations in all areas, especially within behaviour and achievement.

I intend to host a '**Meet the New Headteacher' coffee morning on Thursday 4th of May, 9-10am in the school hall.** This informal event will give me the opportunity to meet and chat to parents, in addition to providing a time for you to get to know a little about me and my vision for the school. Refreshments will be provided! It would be lovely to see you there.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries, concerns, or if there is anything I can do to help and support you with your child's learning and school life.

I would like to thank you personally for your continued commitment and support towards the staff and pupils of this school.

Yours faithfully,

Samantha Britton

Headteacher

SEX AND RELATIONSHIPS EDUCATION

This is part of the science and PSHE planned for the second half of term for all year groups. We follow a scheme of work based on the Channel 4 Living and Growing programmes. If any parents would like further information, please refer to the Sex and Relationships policy available on the school website or see your child's class teacher to see what will be covered.

CUFFLEY CAMP

The final payment date for Cuffley Camp was Wednesday 19th April 2017. Please pay any outstanding amounts as soon as possible to the school office or telephone to discuss.

STAYLITTLE MEETING & PAYMENTS

We will be holding a meeting for parents on Tuesday 25th April 2017 at 6pm in the school hall. The meeting will explain the itinerary for the week and you will have the opportunity to ask any questions or concerns you may have.

Also a reminder that all payments for this visit must be received in school by Tuesday 2nd May 2017 latest. Prompt payment would be very much appreciated.

Before School

Monday

8.15-8.45am – Reading Club
8.30-9.00am – Yr6 Reading (invitation only)
8.00-8.45am – Mult-Sports

Tuesday

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8.00-8.45am – Mult-Sports

Thursday

8.15-8.45am – Reading Club
8.30-8.45am – Yr6 SPAG (invitation only)
8.00-8.45am – Handball

Friday

8.15-8.45am – Reading Club

After School

Monday

3.20-4.15pm – Yr6 Reading (invitation only)
3.20-4.40pm – Cooking Club
3.20-4.15pm – Awesome Club

Tuesday

3.20-4.40pm – Cooking Club
3.20-4.15pm – Art Club
3.20-4.15pm – Yr5/6 Football Club
3.20-4.30pm – Netball Club
3.20-4.15pm – Multi-Sports

Wednesday

3.20-4.30pm – Orchestra Club
3.20-4.15pm – Yr5/6 Multi-Sports

Thursday

3.20-4.15pm – Maths Club
3.20-4.15pm – Yr6 Maths (invitation only)
3.20-4.15pm – Touch Typing
3.20-4.15pm – History Club
3.20-4.40pm – Cooking Club
3.20-4.15pm – Multi-Sports

Friday

3.20-4.15pm – Homework Club