



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs Helen Armstrong
Diocese of Plymouth

Dear Parents and Carers,

27th March 2017

I would like to take the opportunity to update you on Mrs. Armstrong's health and the life of the school this week.

Mrs. Armstrong is feeling better and continues to recover at home. She has asked us to pass on her thanks to you all for the many kind gifts and messages of support that you have sent her. Mrs. Betts and I will be visiting her again before the Easter holidays.

Please continue to keep both the whole family and the wider school community in your prayers.

I would like to extend my gratitude to you all for the improved punctuality we have seen at the start of the day. With a young family myself, I appreciate how hard it can be to get out of the house in good time. However, this issue of punctuality will continue to be a focus for us in order to achieve the best possible outcomes for the children at St. Mary's. Therefore, please remember that your child will need to sign in as late if arriving after the gate closes at 8:50. Two instances of lateness will trigger an advisory letter and further instances of late arrival may then lead to a meeting with the Senior Leadership Team of the school.

In tandem with this, we will also be reviewing our policy with regard to the late collection of children from school. This includes consideration of safeguarding concerns as well as the impact on staff time when children are left unattended at the end of the day. Included in this are extra-curricular and offsite activities, for example Harbour Challenge.

Please ensure you are able to collect your child on time whether from school or offsite.

I would also like to bring to your attention a full day meeting of the governing body this Thursday, here in school. This will be led by Ann Harris, a National Leader for Governance, and will focus on the next steps of the review of governance which was recommended as an outcome from last October.

I will share the outcomes of this meeting with you in next week's update.

Finally, this prayer, written without prompting by a child in Year 3, reminds me of what is so special about the community of St Mary's. I hope you find it as touching as I did.

A Prayer For London

Dear God,

Please look after the people who got terrorised yesterday in London.

Please take care of them as they took good care of other people.

And please,

Take care of us.

Amen

Mr R Howard
Acting Headteacher



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