



# *St Mary's Catholic Primary School*

*Headteacher: Mrs Helen Armstrong*

*Diocese of Plymouth*

23<sup>rd</sup> June 2017

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

***Thank you for all the prayers, good wishes, kind messages, gifts and cards which I have received since February. I have been fortunate to receive the very best care which has enabled me to make a strong recovery.***

***I am in the process of being updated on the actions which have been completed within school and finding out everything that has happened. Mr Howard and Mrs Betts have kept a comprehensive record. I was fortunate this week to participate in the staff meeting and to meet all the new parents who have children starting in September. On Tuesday I participated in a work scrutiny for Key Stage Two and was able to see the progress being made by all groups of children in each year group.***

***Over the next few weeks I will be increasing my time in school and look forward to seeing you all and thanking you personally.***

***Yours faithfully,***

***Helen Armstrong.***

As you can see from the above, Mrs. Armstrong is really on the road to recovery now. In order to clarify the situation for the remainder of the Summer Term I would just like to draw your attention to the fact that I will be continuing in the role of Acting Headteacher with Mrs. Betts the Acting Deputy Headteacher until the 21<sup>st</sup> of July. Should you have any queries or questions in that time, please direct them to us and not to Mrs. Armstrong. We anticipate that Mrs. Armstrong will have made a full phased return to work by September and we will communicate this to you all at that time. Thank you again for your ongoing understanding; please continue to keep the whole school community in your prayers.

My apologies for the lack of an update for the week 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> June; PGL was a vortex of sun, adrenaline, laughter and tears. I would like to thank all the staff who worked over the weekend to ensure this visit was able to take place. However, I would like to thank Mrs. Wrann in particular for the diligent and professional way the trip was organised and administered. Y6 always expect the unexpected and this stood them in good stead for the adventures that we all had. My top three memories from #SMCPSPGL17 were:

- 1) Watching the boys' "teamwork" as they packed on the final day.
- 2) The cheers as reluctant abseilers committed to the drop.
- 3) Prayers on the cliff top in perfect light.

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<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> to start with and then

<http://www.timestables.me.uk/printable-pdf-quiz-generator.htm> once they can consistently get 20 (at least including on the division facts) on all their tables.

5 minutes a day, every day, soon makes recall smoother and this then gives your child the very best chance of making the most of their mathematics education here.

Thank you for your continued support in teaching your child their times tables; it really is the most effective method you can use to help your child get ahead in their education.

Yours faithfully,

*R Howard*

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Acting Headteacher.