



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

*Headteacher: Mrs Helen Armstrong
Diocese of Plymouth*

15th January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take the opportunity to update you on the life of the school this week.

Firstly, on behalf of the whole school community, thank you to those who were able to attend the beautiful Epiphany Mass which was held during the first week back. It was by turns engaging, respectful, entertaining and thought provoking. The children's behaviour was superb and it really felt like a very positive start to the New Year.

This positive feeling continued with an excellent performance from the Y6 boys during their football match against Hillbourne Primary School. A great result was achieved and good sportsmanship was demonstrated by the boys; my thanks to Mrs. Evans for organising this opportunity and the many others that she has lined up for the coming months. On a sporting theme, please remember that we have a wide range of before and after school sporting activities on offer this year. Please ask Mrs. Evans or the office if you would like any further details on the range of sports available.

Away from the Catholic life of the school, and the sporting and enrichment activities that are taking place, we are also looking forward to welcoming you to the "Open Book" evenings on Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th of January. The Monday evening will be held late into the evening up until the closing time of 7pm. Tuesday evening's open book review will conclude at 4.30pm. If neither date is convenient please contact your child's teacher and make an appointment for another mutually convenient time.

Finally this week, you may recall the open evenings for parents in the Autumn term where we discussed the methodology behind our "Maths-No Problem!" approach. In order to follow up and support this input, you are invited to meet with a member of SLT on Tuesday 30th January in order to gain any further help or advice in terms of supporting your child at home while using these techniques which may be unfamiliar compared to your own school days. These 30 minute drop-in sessions will take place on the 30th at 7:15 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Please just let the office know if you would like to attend.

Working together will give us the best chance to ensure that your child makes the best progress possible in their time at St. Mary's.

With best wishes for a prosperous and peaceful new year,

Yours faithfully,

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Deputy Head