



# *St Mary's Catholic Primary School*

*Headteacher: Mrs Helen Armstrong  
Diocese of Plymouth*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Be a saint for a day – 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

Sarah Adams, our Plymouth CAST RE Advisor, will be leaving her post in the summer after working and supporting all the schools in the diocese for over 15 years. She has worked closely with our RE Leader, supported all new teachers who work in our school and regularly visited us to get to know our children.

In 2010 Pope Benedict visited the UK. Many of our schools were represented at Twickenham where he spoke to our young people. On this occasion he told the young people that they were all called to be saints! This is God's call to each of us. Pope Francis calls us to proclaim the joy of the gospel.

With all this in mind, instead of a leaving gift Sarah has requested that we support her in raising money by encouraging the children to be a saint for the day! For Sarah's part, she will walk The Saints' Way in Cornwall over 2 days (60 miles!), praying all the way for our schools!

On the 29<sup>th</sup> of June we will celebrate the feast day Ss Peter and Paul. We are asking the children to come dressed as a saint for the day in return for a donation which we will donate to Sarah's very special charity. The money raised will go to a charity in Africa which supports widows and orphans. The charity is W.O.R.K. Please see the link below:

<http://www.work-kenya.org/>

From the website you will be able to see what a fantastic job they are doing with amazing results.

During the day we will collapse the timetable and encourage the children to be a saint for the day. There will be a whole school liturgy. And each year group will be encouraged to look at different saints...do drama, art, etc. and celebrate the different lives. The PTA have agreed to purchase ice lollies for the children which we will enjoy in the afternoon as part of our celebration.

We will share photos of the day with you via the website. We hope that you will enjoy choosing a saint that your child can be for the day and we look forward to finding out about lots of different saints, whilst at the same time raising funds and supporting Sarah's charity.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sarah for all the support she has given to us personally at St. Mary's and wish her well in her new position in Bath.

Yours faithfully,

Helen Armstrong  
Headteacher