



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs Helen Armstrong

Diocese of Plymouth

20th March 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

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

Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond my control, I will be unable to run the initial meeting of the Homework meeting group on Wednesday 22nd March. Please accept my sincere apologies for this; the rescheduled date is the following week on Thursday 30th March from 6-7p.m. You may of course continue to contribute your thoughts and opinions via email and letter if you are unable to attend the meeting in person.

Following on from previous letters I am also pleased to be able to report the fact that the Top Gear times tables leader board is so full that a new display area is now required. The children are competing only against themselves and so the aim is on 100 % accuracy when completing 50 questions (including division facts) as fast as possible. Our current school champion is a child in Y5 with a blistering 1 min 11 sec 72 milliseconds...Log onto Timestables.me.co.uk to see how many seconds your child can take off their time.

It has also been good to see how many children are coming in ready to access the learning opportunities that begin in class at 8:40 a.m. We will be continuing to improve outcomes by now locking the main school gate at exactly 8:50 which is when school starts. Any children arriving after this time will need to sign themselves in at the office. Clearly it is better for both your child and the school to be in and ready to learn before this time. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Finally, at the end of Y1 Liturgy on Friday we were given the opportunity to hear this beautiful prayer which a Y2 child had spent time carefully presenting on paper. My thanks to Mrs. Meech for bringing this to the whole school's attention.

IRISH PRAYER

*May God give you...
For every storm, a rainbow,
For every tear, a smile,
For every care, a promise
And a blessing in each trial.
For every problem life sends,
A faithful friend to share,
For every sigh, a sweet song
And an answer for each prayer.*

Yours faithfully,

R Howard

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Acting Headteacher.



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