



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs Helen Armstrong
Diocese of Plymouth

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of our first full week in school I bet you are all thinking - where did the summer go? I hope you all had a rewarding break and that you have many happy memories. I visited Krakow in Poland, a beautiful city with lots of history. We spent a day visiting Auschwitz-Birkenau. It made me realise how lucky we are and that we must continue to give our children knowledge, courage and support to achieve their best.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to school, especially all our new families and also our new staff, Mrs Eddy, Mrs Evans, Mr Lakotos, Mrs Haberfield and Mrs Maidment who have all settled well into our busy school life.

We have also made some changes to our staffing structure, with the introduction of phase leaders:

- EYFS and Key Stage 1 – Mrs Hemsil
- Lower Key Stage 2 – Miss Shaw
- Upper Key Stage 2 – Miss Lindsay

Mrs Watts will be the SENCo for St. Mary's.

The governors and senior leadership team have reviewed the vision of the school. Our vision, "Inspiring each other to learn, in the light of Christ," reminds us that God is at the centre of all that we do and we will all continue to strive to inspire each other to learn. We will do this through our Gospel values of creativity, respect, love and spirituality.

I have no doubt that this academic year will bring new challenges, but we will embrace all opportunities. I know the staff are determined to and committed to providing the best education for your children. We cannot do this without working together in collaboration with home and school. Mr Howard will continue to write his weekly updates to keep you informed and updated of all the latest school news and each year group will continue to send their weekly bulletins.

We thank you for your encouragement and support.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Armstrong
Headteacher



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