

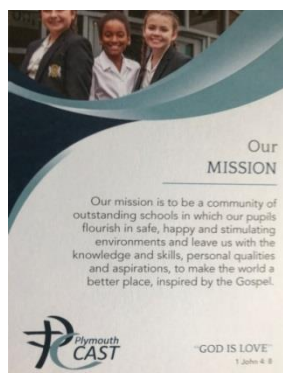


St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs Helen Armstrong
Diocese of Plymouth

13th September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,



Thank you for your support over the past week. Lots of you came to our 'Beginning of the Year Mass' last Friday. On Sunday we were well supported for 'Education Sunday' when our CEO, Mr Raymond Friel, came to St. Mary's Church and spoke to us all about our mission and values.

This week we have had our 'Parent/Carer Information Sessions' which many of you came to. I am sure that you enjoyed finding out what is planned for your child in the year ahead and how you, as part of our home/school partnership can support your child.



We have welcomed our Foundation Stage Children to school this week and they have had great fun making friends and getting to know their new classroom. It has been lovely to meet all our new parents and to see all the children eager to come into school. Next week they will be in full time and we are looking forward to watching them flourish in school. We have also welcomed lots of other children in Years 1-6, moving school is not always easy but they all seem to be enjoying St. Mary's. Here are some of the comments from our new children:

Foundation Stage – Amy – “I like colouring and playing”

Year 1 – Stirling – “I like getting lots of stickers.”

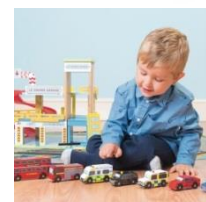
Year 2 – Melissa – “My favourite lesson was Maths.”

Year 3 – Antoinette – “I am enjoying the handwriting.”

Year 4 – Gaby – “I have made lots of new friends.”

Year 5 – Elvis – “I really like my new class.”

Year 6 – Kaya – “I am enjoying playing football.”



We had 18 families at the 'Little Ducklings' our play and stay session this week. The children and their carers had a great time singing songs, playing and eating snacks. There are a few things that they need which you may be able to help with: baby bouncers, mugs (for the adults to enjoy a cup of tea), changing mats, dress up clothes, cars, garages, a roadmap rug, and Duplo or similar. If you can help please send your donations into school. Thank you.



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This week our Year 6 children were able to experience their first steel drum lesson on the 'Jumbie Jams' that we have loaned from Soundstorm for the term. I am looking forward to hearing them make amazing music!



We now have 325 followers our Twitter account. If you would like to follow us we are @stmaryspoole.

We entered a competition on Twitter before the summer and were fortunate to be the winners. As a result, we won 3 signed copies of books for our library. I contacted the author and asked if she would be willing to come to school and share her books with our children and she agreed. Annahita de la Mare @mdlmbbooks is the author of the Hot Air Balloon Adventure series of picture books. She is coming to St Mary's in October, more details to follow.



We have signed up to the Aldi's Kit for Schools. Every time you spend over £30 in any Aldi store you'll receive a Team GB sticker. Bring your stickers to school to help complete our poster. Once complete with 300 stickers we can send the poster to Aldi to receive an exclusive sports kit and to be in with a chance to win £20,000 for our school.

Please remember if your child has achieved something out of school and you would like that to be shared with the whole school; please let school know so we can share their success.

Yours faithfully,

Helen Armstrong

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