



# St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of term it is time to say goodbye to some members of staff and to welcome new members of staff. We will say goodbye to Mrs Betts (card to sign in the office), Mrs Mills has decided to leave St. Mary's to pursue a career teaching swimming, Miss Daykin has secured another teaching post in Weymouth, Miss Lomas who has been on supply with us for many years will be moving to a new school and Mrs Horrell who is on maternity leave. We wish them all every success in their new ventures and thank them for everything they have done at St. Mary's.

We are looking forward to welcoming back Mrs Evans from maternity leave and we welcome to St. Mary's Miss Dudley who will be teaching in Year 3. The only other class change will be Mrs Mundy who is moving from Year 1 to the Foundation Stage and Mrs Eddy who is moving from the Foundation Stage to Year 1.

Today we had a successful transition day where all the children got to spend the morning in their new classes. There was a real buzz around the school. Unfortunately Mrs Wrann was ill and Mrs Watts was on a course but we have a plan to ensure that the children in these classes will get another opportunity next week.

The children from Foundation Stage through to Year 4 had a great experience on Wednesday when they all got to have a go at 'Tri-Golf'. However, the biggest cheer went to Mrs Hemsil who hit her ball onto the blue ring!



A massive thank you must go to our PTA who once again held a very successful Summer Fayre last Friday. The weather was great and it was so lovely to see so many happy faces having fun. The good news is that they managed to raise an amazing £1400. Thank you to you all for supporting this event.



I met with our enthusiastic parents today who are planning and preparing for our 'Parent and Toddler' group. Thank you to you all for the equipment that has already been sent in. Here is a reminder of what is needed.

Push/pull toys	Cars (big enough to ride)	Balls	Mirror
Telephone	Cash register & pretend foods	Puppets	Shape sorters
Wooden or plastic animal toys	Dress up clothes for games and children		
Picture cards	Big and small building blocks		



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Congratulatlutions to Marina and Chelzin who have been participating in the Malayalam Catechism lesson. They got certificates and trophies for 'Full Attendance' and 'Bible Quiz'.

Tomorrow I will be busy making bacon sandwiches for our helpers who are going to help to tidy up the pond. The good news is that Mr Aldworth has done a great job this week in mending the outdoor classroom which is in the pond area. It now has a lovely new roof. Wish me luck with my cooking skills! Next week I will post photos of the great job that has been done.



After the 'Pond' morning I will be moving on to the Parish Fete where I have set up a stall advertising our school. I have children coming along to man the stall and talk to people about our school. If you are going along to St. Mary's Church Fete don't forget to say hello to us.

Yours faithfully,

*Helen Armstrong*

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