



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs Helen Armstrong
Diocese of Plymouth

24th May 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to share with you all that Mrs Betts was successful in securing a headship at St. Catherine's in Wimborne this week and will begin there in September. Our congratulations go to Mrs Betts and we are pleased that we will be working with her and her school in our 'Cluster Group'.

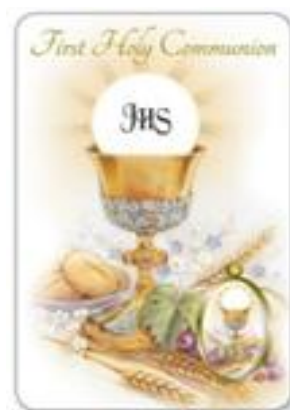
We are very fortunate that we have secured the secondment of Mr Thomas for the academic year 2019-2020 and we know that he will make a strong contribution to our school over the next 12 months. He is looking forward to continuing to work with us and helping us to move forward at St. Mary's.

Last Friday our Year 4 children had a visit from Juliette Bone who is currently working for CAFOD. Juliette graduated from university last year and I taught her when she was in Year 2. Her focus for the session was on CAFOD's zero heroes and going into mission control to save the Earth. This all centred around climate change and really got the children thinking and asking deep questions. The value of 'Justice' and how we can make changes in our life were discussed by the children. She also met with our Mini-Vinnies.



It was great to see so many of you at the 'Parent Consultations' on Monday and Wednesday and I would like to say a special thank you for all the lovely things that you wrote in our comments book.

Last Saturday my husband and I attended the 'Family Day' Mass at St. Mary's Church for the children who are making their First Holy Communion. Thank you to Mrs Wilson who also played the piano. Please keep all of the children in your prayers over the next few weeks as they make their First Holy Communion.



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On Tuesday the Foundation Stage children who will be joining us in September and their parents came for their first familiarisation visit to St. Mary's. Our numbers continue to increase but we still have a few spaces if you know of any family looking for a Foundation Stage place for September. Please ask them to contact the school office.

We have had very limited interest in support for bringing our 'Pond Area' back to a working area. If you know of anyone who has expertise in this area please encourage them to get in touch with us so we can get the project started. This week I was at St. Margaret Clitherow in Brixham and they have had a group of parents that have got together and made the most wonderful prayer space at the front of their school. I am sure we can get a group together to bring the pond back to life.



Congratulations to Emily in Year 6 who was the winner of the design for the "Alice in Wonderland" competition. Emily's design will be on the t-shirts and the programme. Well done Emily!



Amelia in Year 4 came second in her rock n roll dance with her partner at a recent competition in Kent and has also qualified to dance at the national championships in October. Very well done!

I wish you all a very restful half term and look forward to seeing you when we return to school on June 3rd.

Yours faithfully,

Helen Armstrong

Mrs Armstrong
Headteacher

