



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

There is lots of really good news to share this week. Firstly, the gates have been mended. You have all been sent a link to be able to vote as to whether you wish for the gates to remain closed in the morning as this has proved to be a very positive experience. The gates are open so that families can drop off for breakfast club and will be closed at 8.15am. Thank you for all the positive messages that we have had and I will let you know the outcome of the vote which will close on Monday.

Following the governor meeting last Monday it was decided that the best way to capture your thoughts and opinions would be to send you a powerpoint of the proposals and questions on the mission, values, principles and behaviours which will bring about a step change in the quality of education in CAST schools, inspired by the Gospel and the teaching of the Catholic Church. I propose that I send the powerpoint to you by email next week and that you are welcome to send your responses by email or make an appointment to feedback to a member of the Senior Leadership Team of a governor.

This week we received notification that we have been awarded "All Together School GOLD status for 2018". Mr Lakatos applied for this award on behalf of the school after attending a conference. The letter from the Anti-bullying Alliance stated "Thanks for all the work you've done on the All Together programme. I'm very happy to let you know that you've done a great job of demonstrating your work to reduce bullying." Mr Lakatos has taken on responsibility for 'Personal development, behaviour and welfare' and has many plans to continue to build on this good work.



Our Year 6 football team played their first league match of the season this week against Ocean academy. They did not win but they all said that they are glad that they had the opportunity to take part.

I am also delighted to share with that Anna that brought her 'Reading Challenge Certificate' to me this week. Well done to Anna.

Further to my email yesterday, children in Years 1 to 6 will be bringing home a letter regarding MarvellousMe! I hope you will be as excited as all the staff are at St Mary's about this excellent way to focus on learning and positive behaviours.

"Inspiring each other to learn, in the light of Christ"

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Recently the children in Year 6 were asked to produce pieces of work, at home, that would make others feel welcome in our school. Neve wrote this lovely poem about our school which I wanted to share with you.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

St Mary's school is really great,
Our mornings start being dropped at the gate.
The bell rings and in we go,
It's time to learn some things we don't know.
First of all, our names are ticked,
To keep a register, to record who is sick.
Our lessons include english, maths and PE,
Thrown in with a mix of music, science and RE.
We have a break and eat a healthy snack,
Before some more lessons that are back to back.
Lunchtime is nearly here,
Hip hip hooray, the children cheer.
First, we eat and then we play,
We are more than halfway through our day.
A couple more hours of learning things,
We can't wait to see what our lessons will bring.
A little prayer, at the end of the day,
Then its time to go home and have a play.

During each school year, there are discos, concerts and a fayre,
As well as morning and afternoon clubs to help with childcare.
I am in year 6 and I really must say,
I wouldn't have wanted my primary school to be any other way.
I really will miss it, when its time to leave,
Both mum and I will have tissues up our sleeve.
By Neve 6L



Please don't forget to follow us on Twitter @stmaryspoole as we are posting information daily. Please like our posts so that we know that you have seen them. We have 231 followers I wonder if we can increase this to 250 by next week!

Yours faithfully

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