



St Mary's News

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Dear Parents

We were delighted to welcome our children back to school and the new term on Tuesday after what I hope was a fun and enjoyable break for you all. All of the teachers and staff of St Mary's were in school on Monday where we spent the day training in Mathematics Mastery. We are one of 475 schools nationally who are part of the Mathematics Mastery Programme which empowers and equips teachers to improve pupils' enjoyment, resilience, understanding and attainment in maths. The programme is being phased in with all year groups up to Year 4 participating this year. Other initiatives will be introduced in coming months to enhance children's learning as St Mary's grows and continues to go from strength to strength.

From the start of this term we will be introducing the key principles of Catholic Social Teaching. Catholic Social Teaching is based on the belief that God's plan for creation is a world of peace, love and justice. It holds that God has a special place for us in this story. It involves every aspect of our lives including how to live as responsible global citizens.

It reflects the teachings of Pope Francis for the common good in our world.

During this term our Catholic Social Teaching focus theme will be *Stewardship*. The earth and all life on it is God's creation and we are called to care for it. Many thoughtless choices about the use of the world's resources is impacting heavily on our environment and many people, creatures and plants suffer as a consequence. Making wise choices about the care of God's creation is called good stewardship, a very topical and important challenge for us all to embrace.

Mr Keane

Headteacher

Welcome

As the new term begins we welcome three new teachers into our school community.

Year 6: Mr Grimshaw

Year 5: Mrs Donato

Music: Ms Messenger

Attendance

The class with the best attendance in the last week of last term was Year 4G with 98.9%. Year 4G now also have the honour of being the overall leaders for the year so far with 98.7%. Very well done 4G!

Writers of the week.

Some of our brilliant writers of the week from Years 3 and 5 shared their thoughts on writing. Ibum enjoys writing and said “when I write I can let out all of my ideas onto paper.” When Ibum grows up she would like to be an author. Kiryl would also like to write stories when he is older.

Hebron and Sarah also enjoy opportunities to write and Sarah says that writing helps her upgrade her vocabulary.