



Tuesday 3 September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you and your families have had a super summer break and are now ready for the next school year to begin!

I return to school this year on a part-time basis, filling the remainder of the week with work for the Trust. My timetable is currently pretty fluid, although this may well settle into more of pattern once the Advent term gets underway. Mr Murphy will be here all week, remaining your main port of call if you wish to talk about any aspect of school life. Messages for class teachers can be passed through the school office.

Teachers will hold an informal 'meet and greet' each afternoon on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week. This will take place in classrooms, once the children have been collected. There will be time to say a general 'hello' and touch base with teachers. We have booked our Sports Coaches and planned our hall timetable, so PE kits will be handy straight away! Children can bring these in and place them straight into lockers. The children will need blue/ black shorts/ joggers, a white t-shirt and trainers for indoor/ outdoor sessions. A spare pair of socks would be ideal as well.

Thank you for supporting our uniform policy: our pupils look so smart! Don't forget that jewellery cannot be worn in school. Please remove your child's earrings before your child comes into school, where relevant; this is a standard school requirement, for safety purposes, and we thank you for your attention to this matter.

We are eagerly awaiting artwork from your children on the theme of **Mary**. As a school named after the Mother of Jesus, we have chosen to celebrate our patron saint by filling our entrance hall with the pupils' own impressions and ideas about her: this was noted on the last two Friday Bulletins in July. The feast of Mary's birthday is celebrated on 8 September, so we would love to collect contributions during these first few days of term. On Friday 20 September, we will hold a Mary Day, following through with the many ideas our children generated last term in readiness for the new school year.

I look forward to seeing you and your children over the coming days: welcome back to St Mary's!

With all good wishes

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