



ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS TRUST

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ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Newsletter 1

Friday 9th September 2016

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school. There have been several changes since the end of the previous academic year and there are exciting times ahead for all of us at St Mary's.

Management Structure

The directors of St Mary's Catholic Primary Schools Trust have asked me to be Acting Head of School here at the Junior School until a permanent Head of School is appointed. It is with great pride that I take up this post and I hope to be able to serve all of you in the school community well. Miss O'Callaghan remains Executive Headteacher of both schools.

New Year Three

It was a pleasure to welcome all our Year Three children to the Junior School on Wednesday morning. They have made a great start. We thank our Parish Priest Father Michael for the wonderful blessing that he gave us all in our first assembly.

New staff members

We welcome Mrs Brigid Saunders to the teaching staff. Mrs Saunders will be working in Class 3K (St Elizabeth) for one day each week so that Miss Klokow can continue with her responsibilities in The Computing Suite.

We also welcome Ms Cherie Forde to the staff. Ms Forde will be working in Class 6O (St Teresa) on Thursdays and Fridays.

Website

We now have a new website for the Trust, and the address is on our letter heading at the top of the page. There will be several new features for us all including blogs and a Twitter feed. The Junior website continues as normal.

St Teresa of Calcutta

On Thursday we celebrated the canonisation of St Teresa of Calcutta with a special assembly. We hope that the kindness that this wonderful saint has shown us all will be an inspiration to the children.

Infant to Junior Transfer Sept 2017 – Closing date for applications is: 15th January 2017.

There will be an Open Afternoon in the Junior School Hall on Tuesday 20th September 2016 at 3pm for all Parents of children currently in Year 2, wishing to apply for a Junior School place in September 2017. There will be a tour of the school and a short presentation. Hard copies of the Supplementary Information Form will be available at the end of the meeting. Parents unable to attend may download the Supplementary Information Form from the school website after 20th September 2016. If Parents of children in Year 2 at St. Mary's Catholic Infant School wish to collect their children early to attend the meeting at the Junior School, they may do so at 2.45pm.

Congratulations

Many congratulations to Princess Knightly Bruce and Joel Kamara, who have been chosen as our Head Girl and Head Boy for 2016/17. I am sure they will do a fantastic job.

The achievement certificates this week go to All of Year 3, Joseph in 4C, All of Year 4, Stephen in 5L, Blanche in 5V, Brandon in 6C and Laura in 6O. The Headteacher's award goes to Enola in 4D. The Musician of the week is Dave in 4D.

Yours sincerely,

A.J. McDonald

Acting Head of School