



St Mary's Catholic Primary Schools Trust

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Dear St Mary's Parents and Carers,

Jubilee Year of Mercy

Pope Francis has declared that this year should be an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. This Holy Year of Mercy began December 8, 2015, the feast of the Immaculate Conception and the 50th anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council. It will close November 20, 2016, the Feast of Christ the King. This year's motto is "Merciful like the Father."

During this very special year we will be encouraging our children to explore what it is to be merciful and to mark the beginning of our journey of exploration, we will be creating a door of mercy in both schools.

Junior School After School Club

A number of you spoke to me last term regarding the possibility of St Mary's providing daily after school care at the Junior School. We have therefore decided to run an after school homework club daily from 3.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. This club will start after half term, on 22nd February 2016.

The club will be run by 2 members of St Mary's staff and will provide a space for your child to complete their homework (from 3.30 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.), and also to take part in a daily activity such as board games, computers, film night. There will be a daily charge of £7 per child.

Initially we will be providing 20 places which will be allocated on a first come first served basis so please look out for the letter which we will be sending out next week.

Nursery full time Provision

As we have a few places available in our afternoon Nursery we have decided to offer a limited number of full time Nursery places. If your child attends morning Nursery and you are interested in finding out more about this please ask at the Infant School Office.

Changes to the Morning Routine at the Juniors

You may have noticed that we have made some changes to the morning routine in the Junior School. The children are now being asked to go straight to their classrooms after the morning bell has rung. This is to ensure that we make optimum use of learning time. Our very sensible Junior pupils have of course had no problem adapting to the new routine.

Assessment

The end of this half term marks the halfway point of the year. During the next few weeks we will be carefully assessing your children's progress so far to ensure that they are all on track to have a successful year.

With very best wishes,

Miss O'Callaghan
Executive Headteacher