



## ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS TRUST

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### ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

#### **Year 2 Parents - Open Afternoon**

It was very pleasing to see so many of the current Year 2 parents on Tuesday afternoon. Each family had an opportunity to collect the information pack containing application forms for September 2017 entry to the Junior School. If you know of a family who were not able to attend, please ask them to come to the Junior School Office where a pack is waiting for them. Our Head Girl, Head Boy and new prefects made us proud on Tuesday afternoon and were excellent hosts to our visiting parents.

#### **Mr Dan Camalich**

We welcome Mr Dan Camalich, our new violin teacher, to the school family. Dan is a former pupil of the school.

#### **School Council**

Our School Council had its first meeting this week, and badges were awarded in assembly. As well as our children; we welcome Mr Williams, who represents our support staff, Mrs Francis (Teaching Assistants) and Mrs Orozco Cifuentes (Kitchen staff). The Trust will elect a Governor member at their next meeting.

#### **Website**

In the blogs section of our new website I have written some advice for parents of Year 5 and 6 children regarding applications for High Schools.

#### **Laudato si'**

Pope Francis has written a letter 'Care For Our Common Home'. On Tuesday Mr Chappell showed a special video from CAFOD that explains the message in very clear terms. Whilst children cannot view YouTube in school, you are encouraged to watch it together at home. Google search: [CAFOD Laudato si](#)

Today we welcomed Davina Stewart of CAFOD to our assembly to talk to the children about the same subject.

#### **First Holy Communions**

Application forms for First Holy Communions will be available at the end of each Mass. Please remember, if you need to make any enquiries regarding First Holy Communions you should contact St. Mary's Church and not the School.

#### **Assemblies**

Congratulations to the children of Class 5L, who presented a wonderful assembly about their class saint, David of Wales. Forthcoming assemblies are as follows: 29<sup>th</sup> September 5V St Brigid, 6<sup>th</sup> October 3K St Elizabeth, 13<sup>th</sup> October 6O St Teresa, 20<sup>th</sup> October 4D St Catherine. All assemblies start at 10.30. Don't forget that you can check our calendar on the new website for school events.

The achievement certificates this week go to Kacper in 3B, Jacob in 3K, Livingstone in 4C, Wesley in 4D, Shenol in 5L, Erica in 5V, Isaac in 6C, Nea Lei and Ashley in 6O. The Musician of the week is Laquisha in 4D and the Swimmer of the Week is Cristiano in 5L. The award for best playtime behaviour goes to Francesca in 5V, and the Headteacher's award goes to Nathan in 5L.

Yours sincerely,  
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