



St Mary's Catholic Primary Schools Trust

18th October 2018

Dear St Mary's Parents and Carers,

Here we are nearly at the end of the first half term of the academic year and as always, it has been a busy one.

Anniversary Mass

The sun shone on us for our Anniversary Mass and I am happy to report that it was a beautiful occasion. It was lovely to see so many of our St Mary's families attend, and I am sure everyone who attended will agree, the children did us proud. If you did not get a chance to attend however, please do not worry, as we will be inviting you to join us for many more events during our 50th anniversary year.

Staff

Our new members of staff: Miss Anagnostou, Miss Attwell and Miss Hasson are all settled in now, and therefore we can't really refer to them as new anymore!

We say a fond farewell to Ms Watts who has been holding the fort for us in Year 5 and a big welcome to Mrs Skidmore who will be joining us after half term.

Faith Focus for the Term

For the past seven weeks we have been focusing on those less fortunate than ourselves.

At the Infant School, the children have been collecting food to give to the local food bank as they were very distressed to think that there were people who do not have enough to eat.

At the Junior School, the focus has been on collecting money to help find a cure for Cancer. There are very few people amongst us who have not been touched by this horrible disease, and we have many members of our St Mary's family who have suffered and whom we still remember in our prayers. Tomorrow, the Junior children will be wearing something pink and will be donating a £1 to help fund all the amazing research that is going on. Many more people now survive Cancer and it is due to the generosity of people around the country who raise funds to support this vital research and I am very proud of the Junior School children for committing themselves to supporting this cause.

On Mondays I lead assemblies and I often talk to the children in one school about what is happening in the other school. As a result, many of the children appear eager to support each other's fundraising so if your Infant child would like to wear something pink on Friday (the last day of half term), and make a donation to the Junior School's collection, or your Junior School child would like to bring in a tin or packet of food, they would of course be most welcome.

I wish you all a happy half term break and look forward to seeing all our children safely back at St Mary's on Monday 29th October.

Miss O'Callaghan
Executive Headteacher