



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 6th September 2018

Welcome Back!

It has been lovely to see you all this week, and also to welcome some new faces to our school. I would especially like to welcome the new families to our school—we are really excited to have you with us so please come and say hello!

I would also like to welcome some new members of staff: Ms Ascough has started as our Executive Headteacher this week; Miss Goldsmith is our Year 1 teacher; Mr Watkins is our Year 5 teacher and Mr Perez will be working in Year 6. We're really happy to have them as part of our team!

We have also said a fond farewell to Ms Mehmeti as she has decided to embark on a new career—we wish her all the very best for the future.

Message from Ms Ascough

Thank you to you and your children for making me feel so welcome this week, my first at St.Mary's.

I will be with you every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. You will hopefully see me on the gate or at the Thursday coffee mornings.

I will be running a parent/headteacher coffee morning in a few weeks' time, where as well as getting to know you better I will be able to talk you through the key priorities for St Mary's this year.

It is going to be an exciting year ahead.

I will look forward to getting to know you all as the term progresses.

Have a lovely weekend.

Year 6 at PGL

Year 6 have been at PGL this week, where they have been challenging themselves to try new activities and face their fears, as well as developing their teamwork and independence. Mr Davies, Miss Bell and Miss Ali have been very impressed with their

determination, resilience and excellent behaviour. We are very proud of them! There are lots of photos of them in action on the school website, so please have a look.

Healthy snack

You may remember that we had an audit of children's lunches conducted by a Healthy Eating advisor before the summer holiday. We will be sending home a separate letter with more information about this. In the meantime, children in Year 1 to Year 6 may bring in a portion of fresh fruit or vegetables to have as a snack at break time.

Attendance

Attendance continues to be a big focus for us this year. Miss Clarke-Harding will be continuing to support us with this, and will be monitoring the children's progress against their personalised targets. Our school attendance target is 96% and we need everyone's help to help us reach it! Each week, we celebrate the class who have the best attendance. This week our attendance champions are **F1** with **100%**—well done!

F2 79%; Y1 91%; Y2 88%; Y3 84%; Y4 87%; Y5 97%

Golden Assemblies

- 14th September—Year 6
- 21st September—Year 5
- 28th September—Year 4
- 5th October—Year 3
- 12th October—Year 2
- 19th October—Attendance Celebration

I hope that you all have a wonderful weekend and enjoy some Autumn sunshine!

Libby Granite, Head of School