



ST MARY'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

11th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and enjoying the warmer weather, spring is most definitely on the way. I would like to share some really positive updates with you.

Staffing

We welcome two new appointments. Mr Joseph Stammers, who will join our upper key stage two team and teach in Year 5. Mr Stammers, brings with him a wealth of experience and a proven track record of outstanding teaching. Miss Chloe Duffy, who will join our pastoral team as a specialist teaching assistant and support vulnerable learners. The extra capacity in staff allows us to already strengthen the wonderful things happening here at St Mary's. Mr Carey is now trained as a Thrive Practitioner, and the addition of Mr Stammers allows Mr Carey to offer therapeutic support across KS2 as well as teaching in our nurture class. Mr Burke, alongside Miss Warriner, will lead on whole school engagement and enrichment and will work with all classes as well as our vulnerable learners.

Therapeutic Offer

We are lucky to have received a trauma informed status, as a school. Staff have worked incredibly hard to achieve this, on top of providing an exceptional quality of education.

As a school we offer:

ELSA - Emotional literacy support

Rainbows - bereavement and loss programme

Inside Out - Mental health support team

Headstart - pupils in Year 5 have been trained as 'Headstarters' which will add to our Junior Leadership Team.

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In addition to this, we are working towards a school Thrive status.

The above programmes and accreditation are testament to the hard work of all the staff at St Mary's.

If you feel your child may benefit from any therapeutic support mentioned, please contact Miss Phelps, who is our emotional wellbeing lead.

Further to all the above, we are hoping to add to our enrichment offer and after school clubs, after the Easter holidays. Again, if there is a club you would like school to offer, please let us know.

St Mary's Race Night

We already knew you are all a fabulous supportive bunch of parents and carers, but we have received an incredible amount of support in fundraising for Year 6. Parents and supporters of school have organised a race night for April 1st at the Eston and California Club, at 6:30pm, so clear your diaries for an excellent night, which will help raise vital funds to send our children to London.

'Learn to Earn' Points

As part of our positive reward strategy at St Mary's, children will be awarded 'Learn to Earn' points for hard work, a positive attitude to learning, living out our values and virtues and mainly being the best version of themselves. 'Learn to Earn' points will be recognised and rewarded in Friday celebration assembly, and as the saying goes: "Points mean prizes" so ask your children who were this week's winners. In addition to this, parents can view your child's progress on the Arbor parent portal app.

Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely weekend,

Anna McClurey

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