



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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SOME DIARY DATES

19/01/18 4B Class
Assembly @ 1.45pm

26/01/18 4BM Class
Assembly @ 1.45pm

02/02/18 4D Class
Assembly @ 1.45pm

SWANAGE RESIDENTIAL FOR YEAR 4

Further details will
be out by the end
of the week.

LOST PROPERTY CHECK

The bane of every
school in the country!
We have a pile which
we will put out in the
reception foyer on
Monday & Tuesday
this week – any
property remaining
will be given to a
clothing bank. Please
check!



MR CROKER'S NEWS

Firstly, on behalf of St Mary's, I wish you all a very happy New Year. We have enjoyed a very good and happy start to the term and it has been a pleasure to meet and start to get to know the lovely children at St Mary's and work alongside such a committed staff team.

This is the start of a new chapter in the School's illustrious history and we are in the process of making a number of changes, many of which we will be telling you about in the coming weeks and months. To facilitate good communication, we will be sending out a weekly newsletter on Fridays. This will be by email (see 'Email Communication with School' below) and will also go on the website. There will be a hard copy on display at the front of the School and spare copies in the reception area.

Before we go any further, we welcome new staff to the school. Mrs Warburton joins us as teacher in 2WC, as well as our SENCO, and arrives after a very special Christmas which included her wedding! Mrs Chilitupa, whom many of you know well, will be teaching 2WC on Fridays when Mrs Warburton carries out her SEN duties. We also welcome Mr Dodson, who was at St Mary's last term as a supply teacher, but is now covering the adoption leave of Mrs Mallinson with Class 3D. Mrs Smith returns to us, after a brief spell at another school, as teacher of 3S and a member of the Senior Leadership Team – testimony to the lure of St Mary's! Mrs Efstratiou and Mrs Elliot also join us as Midday Supervisory Assistants. Our very best wishes go to them all.

Among the newcomers we must also count ourselves! I am the full time Interim Headteacher and Mrs Barnard will work three days a week as Interim Associate Headteacher until the end of the summer term. We are working closely together to ensure the best outcomes possible for our pupils in a safe and secure environment. Between us we have more years of headship and leadership experience behind us than we care to remember but we are both very excited about leading St Mary's and working with the school community to give the very best to the children at our school.

Among a number of changes we have already made, there will be an additional Parents' Evening just before Easter and Annual Reports will now be issued near the end of the summer term. We have also been carrying out a full review of Safeguarding in the school and working closely with the local authority. We are making a significant number of changes to routines and procedures as a result. One of these is tightening up on the start of the day routines. School officially starts at 8.30am and it is at that time we will be closing the gates and ensuring the grounds and school are clear. Any children arriving after 8.30am will then go through the office where they will be recorded as late on the register. For parents dropping children off for the Reception classes, please hand over at the doors to the class teacher or TA.

The school had a lovely Mass this morning to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany and to welcome the new term. The children were a credit to the school and reinforce our view about how lovely the children are.

EMAIL COMMUNICATION WITH SCHOOL

You may know that we have recently moved to using a new emailing system called Call Parent. There have inevitably been some teething problems so thank you for your patience. If you are not receiving email updates from school or have any questions about the new system, please do not hesitate to contact us. To ensure that our records are up to date, please also remember to let us know if there are any changes to your contact telephone numbers or home address.