



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to St.Mary's! We have loved getting to know your children over the past few days and are looking forward to teaching them this year. This letter contains some key information regarding the next school year for your child. You can also come in and hear more about it on Friday 20th September at 2.15 in the infant hall.

Homework

The children are still so little and will be exhausted from their time at school that we don't give homework. We believe it is an important time for them to be climbing trees and playing with you and their friends. The most important thing is that they love learning. If you feel your child is eager to learn introducing maths and phonics into their everyday lives is a fantastic way to encourage them. E.g. At the supermarket can you point to all the things you can see on the prices? Are there any tricky words in this sign? Granny has two sausages and daddy has 3 how many sausages are there all together? Uh oh Daddy has eaten one how many are there now?

Reading

The only thing we ask you to do at home with your child is to read with them. Reading develops many important skills covering most of the curriculum. We have given your child a reading book and a reading record. Please write the name of the book and a simple tick or initials if you have read it. Then we will know to change it. If you have any other comments please write them in and we will endeavour to help. We love having your input so any comments you have about your child's reading we would love to read.

Other Information

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child brings in a named water bottle each day. This allows us to monitor their water intake and give them a nudge if they need to drink more.

PE Kit

Please ensure that your children have named, full P.E kits. If you could also practise your child getting changed in and out of these we would be ever so grateful. As you can imagine 30 children all getting changed at the same time can get quite manic so practising this makes a big difference and lowers the chance of losing any items.

Important Dates

Meet the teachers – Friday 20th September 2.15 Infant Hall

Harvest Festival – Tuesday 1st October 10.05am

EYFS Nativity – 5th December 9.15am

Communication

Please feel free to communicate with any member of the EYFS team through one of the following ways:

- An addressed letter
- An email (email addresses at bottom of this letter)
- A meeting arranged through the school office or class teacher

Your child's teacher will usually be available after school after the children have been dismissed (please wait until all of the children have left with their parents/carers before approaching as we need to concentrate on making

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sure all of the children have gone safely). Please also bear in mind that ours is not a desk based profession and if you need a quick reply it is best to contact the office. Please contact the office for absences, pickups and appointments.

Helping in school

We welcome any offers of help in school – be it weekly, fortnightly or once in a while! All volunteers will need to undergo a DBS check, please ask at the school office for a form. If you are able to help please speak to your child's teacher to arrange a suitable slot.

We are very much looking forward to working with you to make your child's experience in EYFS a rewarding and successful one.

Yours sincerely,

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