

St Mary's C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a start to the new school year it has been - it has been a week that none of us will forget for quite some time! However, I hope that you and your children have settled back well into the routine of school. Also, welcome once again to new families to our school. We hope that your child has happily settled and is enjoying everything that we are able to offer.

Ofsted Parent Meeting – Tuesday 13th September

Following the publication of the Ofsted report yesterday, this is to remind you that I will be holding a parents' meeting at our Rectory Gardens site next week Tuesday 13th September at 6pm. At this meeting, we will discuss the report findings and talk about the future implications for St Mary's. Do please come along if you can; a crèche will be provided for school age children if you do not already have childcare arrangements.

Meet the Teacher Meetings – Wednesday 14th & Thursday 15th September

These meetings will once again take place in person at the school. At these meetings, you will get an opportunity to meet your child's class teacher, learn about what your child will be learning throughout the autumn term, including homework expectations, the class timetable and dates of any key events. Do also bring any questions that you have to this meeting – it will be lovely to see as many of you as possible. Your child is also welcome to attend this meeting with you. See below:

- Wednesday 14th September 5.45pm-6.30pm: **Years 1 & 2** Meetings at Church Lane.
- Thursday 15th September 5.45pm-6.30pm: **Years 3, 4, 5 & 6** Meetings at Rectory Gardens

N.B: **Nursery & Reception** Parent Meetings will be held on Thursday 29th September from 5.45pm-6.30pm.

Open-Door Policy – restarts on Monday 12th September.

From this coming Monday, we will re-start our school's 'Open-Door Policy', which we had in place at St Mary's prior to the lockdowns. This means that you will once again be able to go into your child's classroom at the beginning of the school day to help settle them. This will help you to gain an understanding about some of the key skills that your child is learning and which you will also be able to use to support them with their learning when at home.

At Church Lane, the Open-Door system will be from 8.50am-9.00am for Reception, Years 1 & 2 classes. At Rectory Gardens, it will be from 8.45am-8.55am for Years 3 & 4 children and 8.30am-8.40am for Years 5 & 6 children. We look forward to fully welcoming you back into our school.

Thank you!

Again, please be assured that St Mary's is a safe and secure school for your child. All of my staff are fully committed to ensuring that this will always be the case, so that your child is happy, well cared for and will continue to thrive at St Mary's.

We have been heartened by many kind words and messages of support. As stressed by so many of you, and known by all of us at St Mary's, the report in no way reflects the school that we all know and love so well.

So again, thank you and I hope to see you on Tuesday.

Wishing you a restful weekend,

Calvin Henry.

Headteacher