## St Mary's C.E. Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to St Mary's and the new school year. I trust that everyone had a good summer break.

Firstly, I would like to say thank you for welcoming me into the St Mary's family. This is certainly a unique and special school that has the children at the heart of all it does. Our ethos of "Love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12) is certainly lived out by everyone here.

It has been lovely meeting some of you on the school gate and I look forward to getting to know you all, please come and say hello when you see me. My challenge is to learn all of the staff, class and children's names as soon as I can, so I apologise if it takes me a while to learn yours too.

I hope that your children have enjoyed returning to school and getting to know their teachers. All children have appeared joyful and enthusiastic this week and we hope that this continues.

We are welcoming new children and families to St Mary's this term and I am confident that they will settle quickly into this fabulous community where children are happy, well cared for and will flourish.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first week at St Mary's and look forward to seeing you all again next week.

Have a restful weekend and enjoy the sunshine.

Best wishes,

Jane O'Brien

Headteacher