

YEAR R AUTUMN 1

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2020

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"Happy together in God's family,
we love, grow and learn."

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to St Mary's! Firstly, it was lovely to see all the children at the stay and play session this week, the children have coped amazingly with their transition period. For those children that have started school, Mrs Caldwell, Mrs Quinn, and myself have been very extremely impressed with how well they have started to settle into school life and picked up routines and expectations; you should all be very proud of them. The children have been exploring their new environment and playing with old and new friends. We look forward to our final group of children joining us next week. Hopefully, we can meet their Year 6 buddies over the coming weeks and have a chance to have a 'socially distanced' story time with them.

Tapestry & Twitter: I will be setting up your child's Tapestry account over the next week and a link will be sent to the email on the consent form. At St Mary's, we use Twitter to keep parents involved in activities which we recommend parents/carers to join in, and we have our own Reception Class page on the school website.

Snack time / milk: The children are provided with milk up until the week of their 5th birthday, if you would like this to continue after please contact the school office. The school provides fruit for break which we all have together as this is a lovely social time. If you would like to send in an alternative healthy snack from home your child, please feel free.

PE: Reception PE is on a **Tuesday**, please send your child to school in their PE kit with trainers. As the weather starts to get colder, please make sure they have extra layers such as navy tracksuit bottoms and a navy sweatshirt. **We will start PE on 22nd September.**

Spare clothes and wellies: Please can your child have a named pair of wellies to stay in school and if you feel your child needs extra clothes please bring in a PE bag, but this will again stay in school (this bag will not go back and forth to home every day).

Phonics and literacy workshop: This will be for parents on **29th September** at 3.40pm via Zoom (live) and I will record it, I will add the recording to the Reception class page on the school website. I will address the teaching of phonics, early reading and writing which will support you and your child to learn to read and write.

I will be supported in Reception class this year by Mrs Caldwell, Monday till Wednesday morning and Mrs Quinn, Wednesday till Friday. Mrs Dawson will teach on a Friday afternoon.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Thank you for your support, Miss Roberts (Class teacher)

Weekly Important Dates

Tuesday

PE (starting on 22nd September)

Important Dates

17.9.20 –
Individual school photos

22.9.20 – PE will start

29.9.20 – Phonics / reading workshop @3.40pm (via Zoom)

9.10.20 @ 2.15pm

Harvest Festival (via Zoom)

Non uniform for Cafod £1

13.10.20 - 4 - 6.30
- Parents Evening

15.10.20 - 4 - 6.30
- Parents Evening

22.10.20 - School closes

23.10.20 - Training Day