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Dear Families,

The first half term is well underway here at St Mary's and it has been an absolute joy to see the children engaging so positively with their learning, particularly focusing upon their presentation and taking pride in the work they are producing.

The whole school attendance since we returned from the holidays has been outstanding. Thank you to all our families for their continued commitment to this. Year 6 and Year 4 both achieved 100% attendance last week and are able to wear 'non-uniform' on Friday 19th September as a reward. Well-done! We have a new display tracking class attendance in the hall that is a wonderful motivator, aiming for the stars!

A parent teacher consultation will take place on Tuesday 7th October from 3.30 – 5.30pm. This will enable you to ask questions and find out how your child has settled into their new class. This will be on a 'drop-in' basis (specific times will not be allocated) and a selection of your child books will be available for you to view. Entry and exit until 3.45pm will be via the reception gate and then via the main office manned by myself.

This will be followed by a more formal parents evening in February. However, if you have any concerns or questions please do not wait for these dates and arrange to see your child's teacher or speak to them as they are available at classroom doors both before and after school.

The School Street relaunch in conjunction with Stockport Council and TFGM has been extremely well received and supported. You are encouraged to either leave the car at home and walk, cycle or scoot to school or, if this is not possible, plan to park further way from the school gates and walk to school. No access is allowed between 8.30 – 9am and 3.00 - 3.30pm due to the traffic order in place, unless you have a residents pass or a Blue Badge.

In conjunction with TFGM we are holding a 'School Street Drop in' for residents and parents alike, on Tuesday 30th September in the school hall from 3 till 4.30pm. We are still looking to support Mr Moores in manning the afterschool and before school closures. We will provide free child care for your child if you are able to help us with this in any capacity. Please let me know or email admin@st-marys-reddish.stockport.sch.uk if you are able to support.

After the October half-term, there will be a change to the way we set homework. Spellings and reading will remain the same, however the maths element will be changing slightly. Instead of writing out their number bonds or times tables, children will now be asked to spend **30 minutes per week** on either **Times Tables Rockstars** or **Numbots for Reception, Year 1 and 2**, spread across the week (Monday to Sunday).

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These fun and engaging platforms help children improve their fluency in number facts and times tables in an enjoyable and interactive way, which supports their overall maths confidence and speed.

To relaunch our use of these fantastic tools, we will be having a **Times Tables Rockstars and Numbots Day on Friday 17th October**. Children are invited to come to school dressed as a **rockstar** or a **Numbots character** to celebrate this!

Further information on how to access these platforms will be shared soon.

Our first parent - child session will be Tuesday 21st October 9-10am and the focus will on this occasion be reading and phonics. Parents are warmly welcomed into school to learn and complete fun activities alongside their child.

We are organising these sessions each half term with the popular 'Christmas Craft' session taking place next half term on Tuesday 16th December 9-10am. As a school we greatly value and encourage our relationship with parents and hope you are able to join us for these. My aim is to give advance notice allowing time to juggle work and other commitments.

We will also be gathering parent voice early next week, so please keep a look out for the electronic form which will take approximately 5 minutes to complete. Thank you in advance for you time.

Christmas seems a long way off but I wanted to provide you with 2 key dates:

Wednesday 3rd December 9.30am and 5pm Nativity performance (Reception, Year 1 and 2) in the school hall

Tuesday 9th December 2pm Key stage 2 Carol concert at St Mary's Church

More information will follow nearer the time.

Thank you to the parents who expressed an interest in joining the PTA. I have been informed a meeting is being arranged to begin organising the first event in December. This is a very exciting collaboration for St. Mary's and we are looking forward to working together for the benefit of our children.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding anything in the letter or about anything in regard to school life please come and speak to me or your child's class teacher. Further information about St Marys, our curriculum and key dates are available on our school website.

With the warmest wishes,

Mrs Faryniarz