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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are almost 2 weeks into the start of the new term here at St Marys and the children are working extremely hard across the curriculum. It has been wonderful to visit classes and see the children so engrossed in their learning; it has been an incredibly positive start to the new year! It has been a busy week with Freddie Fit and the new reception class visiting the Sensory Bus.

The new class information that you would usually receive had been collated into class pages on our new website. Due to the delay in transferring information to the website, paper copies of this information will be sent out to all classes this evening. I apologise if key information has not been communicated in a timely way as we usually would have.

As part of our Ready, Respectful, Safe behaviour principles, class teachers stand on the doors each morning. This is both to welcome the children and to enable parents/carers to pass on information and ask any questions they may have.

We have started a new PSHE scheme of work Jigsaw. The current topic is 'Being me in my World.' This encourages the children to explore their own identity and beliefs. This includes, 'Calm me' time and as a school we have been practising our mindfulness with, 'Rainbow reflections'.

The Christian value this half term is Responsibility. The Ethos group have been assisting me in leading collective worship to look at all the things we are responsible for and how we can have a positive impact on the school, our communities and the wider world.

As stated last week the current guidance we have been given is that earrings must not be worn and taping is no longer acceptable. Please ensure earrings are removed on PE days. Speak to your child's class teacher if this presents any problems. On non-PE days, only small studs are permitted. Additionally, jewellery should not be worn for school.

On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September we will be trialling a, 'Meet the teacher,' event from 3.20 – 5.30 in your child's classroom. This will give you an opportunity to speak to your child's teacher, look at the environment, your child's books and find out how they are settling in. This will be followed by a formal parent evening in the summer term. If this is not convenient please speak to your child's teacher about an alternative arrangement. We envisage straight after school being the busiest time, so if you wish to speak in more depth or confidentially you may wish to come later in the evening.

I am really excited about the beginning of the St. Marys choir for key stage 2 which starts on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September after school and we will hopefully be performing to our families in the near future.

I stand on the main gate as often as possible both before and after school to greet our families. If you have any questions or concerns, please come and speak to me. For any other general queries please send them to:  
[admin@st-marys-reddish.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-marys-reddish.stockport.sch.uk)

We also regularly update the school Twitter page so don't forget to follow us at: @StMarysSch\_Redd

Finally, I want to thank all of our families for the way the children have returned to school 'Ready' for the new year. Their attitudes to learning have been wonderful and their uniforms are immaculate with all children really looking their very best.

With the warmest wishes,

Mrs Faryniarz  
Headteacher