

# Newsletter

September 2021

Learning and caring for each other

Dear Parents/Guardian.



**Welcome back...**and a special welcome to all our new children and families. It was lovely to see everyone back in school. St Mary's didn't feel the same place with staggered start times and without our wider family all together. Although, I must say, it did feel a little overwhelming initially to have so many smiling faces arriving at the same time!

The new school year has started well as we gently ease back into some form of normality. Our new Wraparound care is proving popular and some of our clubs have started again too.

**Staffing updates...**Mr Haygarth has joined our teaching staff team and Year 5 are helping him to settle and Mrs Grant has now started her maternity leave. We will wait eagerly to hear news of her baby daughter's safe arrival. Whilst Mrs Grant is on maternity leave, the role of Deputy Head teacher will be shared between Mrs Moran and Mrs Anstey. They will also be named Safe Guarding officers alongside myself.

**Congratulations to Rev. Liz Rowles...**who is now officially our Vicar for St Mary's Church and school. Although Rev. Liz has joined us regularly in the past, it is so lovely to be able to say she is officially with us long term.

**Harvest Festival...**thank you to everyone who joined Rev Liz at St Mary's Church Harvest Festival on Sunday. We will update you in a little while about our school harvest festival arrangements.

**Come and meet your child's teacher...** this half term we would like to invite you into school to meet your child's teacher, see their classroom and to find out about their learning expectations for this year. Although restrictions are easing nationally, we are still trying to keep everyone as safe as we possibly can and we would like to limit the number of people inside the building at the same time. This means that we will be doing things slightly differently and each class will have a different 'drop-in' time and day. More information will follow soon.

**Emergency Contact Details and Medical Conditions ...**If there have been any changes to medical needs or in your contact details (house move or mobile number change) please phone or email school and let Ms Evans or Mrs Edwards know asap. They will be needed in case of emergencies and will be held confidentially in the office.

**Versa Photographers ...**will be in school on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**, in the morning, to take individual and sibling photographs. If your child usually has PE on Wednesday, please could they wear their school yellow polo shirt and navy sweater/cardigan to school for their photograph. If you would like them to change into their white PE tee shirt, please send this in with them. They may wear their usual joggers/shorts and trainers all day because these will not be seen on their photograph.

Just a few reminders:

School gates open	8.40am
Registration in class	8.50am
End of day collection time	3.15pm

**School meals...** the new Autumn and Winter menu starts next week. Please send all payments in weekly, in an envelope via your child. School meals cost £2.15 per day but please also check to see if you are eligible for free school meals as this can be a great saving for you as a family. If you are not sure how to register, please contact the office or go to:

<https://www.stockport.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

**Earrings and jewellery...**please remove earrings for school and leave all jewellery at home. It can be very upsetting when it gets lost and it can cause unnecessary pain and injury during PE or playing. Plastic savers are a suitable alternative for the school day.

**Messages to the office ...** please phone the office on 0161 480 4736 if you have any urgent messages or questions that need to be dealt with the same day. Due to meetings and other commitments, it may not be possible to read or respond to an email immediately or at short notice so a simple phone call to the office gives you peace-of-mind that your message has been received.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or myself if you would like to discuss anything, if you have any questions and if you have any ideas or suggestions to help us provide a better learning experience each day. Please be aware that teachers are not able to come to the phone during the school day or to reply to emails immediately because they are in class but you will be able to leave a message if you phone.

Best wishes,  
Mrs E. Irvin and all the staff at St Mary's  
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