



St. Mary's C of E (VC) Primary School

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Dear Parents

Welcome back and to those of you who are with us for the first time a very warm welcome.

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable summer and that your children are as excited about their return to school as some of you may be! I would like to formally welcome new staff to St Mary's. Aimie Trathen (Year 2 - Turnstones), Martha Unwin (Year 2 - Merlins) and Steph Golson (Year 3/4 - Goldcrests) to the teaching staff. We also have two new Meal-time Assistants joining us; Sarah Adnett and Sarah Lockett.

I just wanted to take this earliest opportunity to give you some information about developments at the school since July. **Another newsletter, with important dates will follow soon.**

Building Work

The school has been a busy place over the summer and everything is going according to plan. The new classroom unit was delivered two weeks ago and is now in the process of being fitted out. It is astonishing that the County Planners only decided to replace these rooms in April and we will be able to occupy them in a few short weeks.

Until the building work is complete the Year 3/4 classes will be based in the marquee which you will have seen on the field. This has been built to our specification and, although it is not ideal, will mean that the children will be onsite and have a defined base to minimise the disruption to them and their learning. Year 1 Puffins will be based in Classroom 11 which can be accessed, at the moment by going up the steps onto the back playground and round. **For the period of the building work all Key Stage One and Foundation Stage children will be taken to the classrooms in the morning, rather than the playground. For ease of access, particularly for those of you with pushchairs, Puffins will be dropped off and collected from the hall.**

Please ensure that your children do not enter the building site entrance.

Bicycles and Scooters

Unfortunately, for the duration of the work we will not be able to accommodate scooters or bicycles on site during the day.

Class Photographs

Tempest photography will be in on Wednesday 7th Sept (this week!) to take photographs of the children in their new class groups.

If you have any concerns about your child/ren, in school, please speak to a member of staff.

I am thoroughly looking forward to the challenges that we will all face this year and wish you, your children and the staff every success as we move forward together.

Yours sincerely,

Adrian Scarrett - Acting Headteacher