



Then Jesus told His disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."

Matthew 16:24

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to school! It has been wonderful to see all of our children and families again and I have been really impressed at how well the children have settled into their new classes. I am sure that they have all had a great few days there have been lots of smiling faces in school!

May I once again offer a very special welcome to all of the new children in our school and their parents and carers. Welcome to the St. Marie's school family!

School Uniform

It has been great to see all of the children looking smart in full school uniform. Thank you for this. Please do ensure that all uniform is labelled (especially jumpers which have a habit of getting lost!) and that children bring a coat to school, even if the weather is sunny - just in case. A polite reminder that school shoes must be worn for school and not black trainers (except in Nursery/Reception where black trainers are permitted)

Please make sure that your child has their full PE kit in school. PE consists of a white T-shirt and black shorts. Pumps must be worn inside and trainers are allowed for outside only. Plain black jogging bottoms or plain black leggings can be worn for outside lessons.

Reading in School

Home Readers (Year 1-Year 6)

All of the children will have their new reading books sent home next week if not already. The children will read their home reading book at least once a week in school and if it is finished and the children are ready to move on, their reading book will be changed - once a week. It is important that the children can read the book with confidence and discuss the events well. If your child has completed their book once, read it again and again if necessary. It is more effective to read a few pages and have a good discussion about the book each night rather than reading straight through every night. Please do write in the reading record when you have read with your child each evening.

We actively encourage all of our children to read a range of books so of course, if your child has read their reading book a number of times, then encourage them to read other books. These can be recorded in the reading record too should you wish.

Guided Reading

As well as reading 'home readers' in school all of the children will be taking part in daily phonics and/or guided reading sessions whereby the teacher explicitly teaches the skills of reading to the children.

Very soon, the children will be bringing home a school library book to enjoy as well.

Support and Help

It is really important to us at school to know that if any parents/families are struggling for whatever reason then we are here to help as much as we can. Please do speak to the class teachers or directly to myself if you need any support in any way. Sometimes we can direct you to other professionals for support or we may be able to help ourselves. We are here to help.

After School Enrichment Clubs (Year 1-Year 6)

Letters will go out soon for all after school clubs. There will be a wide range of after school clubs available for children and we will ensure that as many children as possible get to attend a club.

Year Group Curriculum Booklets

Each teacher will soon be sending home a curriculum information booklet /sheet which sets out the topics your child will be covering this term and other additional information relating to your child's class.

Sacramental Programme

We are hoping to be able to send out information next week to Year Three parents (and others who may be interested) whose children are of the Roman Catholic faith regarding the Sacramental Programme this year.

MacMillan Coffee Morning: Save the Date

Our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning takes place on Thursday 24th September from 8.35am. Please do come along as join us as we support his important charity. We know the important work this charity do to support those living with cancer and their families.

Celebration Assembly

Our weekly celebration assemblies will take place at **2.30pm** on a Friday afternoon starting next week. All parents are welcome to attend, especially if your child has been awarded a certificate. If your child has been awarded a certificate, you will be sent a message the day before to invite you to the assembly, should you wish/be able to attend. Please note that our all Reception children will not come to assemblies just yet as they settle into their new classroom and routines. Should your child be receiving the certificate you will be notified should you wish to come and join us for the assembly.

This week we congratulate the following children:

Nursery	-	-
Reception	Keilani Onyeka	For being a fabulous role model for everyone
Year 1	Abdul-Latif Chinembiri	For making a great start in Year 1!
Year 2	Muhammad Butt	For having a fantastic start to Year 2 and listening really well
Year 3	Kordian Kedzior	For making a wonderful start to Year 3! Very impressed!
Year 4	Safiyyah Chinembiri	For making an amazing first impression in Year 4!
Year 5	Fatima Zahra	For having fantastic listening skills and a wonderful attitude to learning!
Year 6	Nicole Paul	For an excellent start to Year 6
Mr McRae	Joel Fermo	For being a St. Marie's superstar

Where a child's name has not appeared on the table above, it is because permission has not been given to include names on newsletters etc. Please contact the school office to amend this if needed for the future

A Final Note

It has been a wonderful first few days with everyone back together. All of the children look like they have really grown over the holidays! I do hope our new Nursery and Reception children have had a lovely couple of days in school - every time I've visited them, they've had big smiles upon their faces!

It's been a great start to the new school year.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

God bless,

Mr McRae
Head Teacher



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