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St Mary's Primary School and Nursery End of Year Headteacher Letter Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023



Dear families,

We have come to the end of another school year at St Mary's!

The summer term always greets us with many exciting events. End of year leaver assemblies, PTA 'Break the rules day', which made over £200! Transition morning for pupils, meet the teacher meetings, residentials, visits and sports days.

There have been many proud moments this year, the recognition of being an Ofsted rated 'good' school was certainly a highlight and gave everyone the boost they deserve for all the incredible work we do. This outcome is testament to our amazing staff and leadership of all levels including our governors.

At the end of term, we said good-bye to Miss Johnson, Mr Russ, Mr Angus and Miss Burrage. All have very different (and exciting) plans moving forward including retirement and a career change! We wish them every success in their onward journey. We also said goodbye to Miss Walter, who decided that the time was right to move on and seek opportunities to develop her career within a new environment. Miss Walter was an experienced member of our support staff team and we shall miss her.

Whilst we have not yet successfully appointed a suitable replacement for our Senco, we have made interim plans to ensure our statutory duties for SEND are met and that the provision within classes continues to be strong. It is important to us that someone who knows the children well can manage this interim period and therefore Mrs Quinn will be working additional hours for the autumn term to coordinate the SEND provision. We will advertise for this position again in September.

Miracle Gardens Nursery is taking shape and preparing to open its doors in the near future. We are pleased that a nursery provision will occupy this space once again. Please note that this is a privately run nursery and not managed by St Mary's Leaders or governors. To find out more, please visit their website here.

From September, we will welcome Ballin' Out coaches to our school. They will be leading our P.E provision for all year groups and also running some after school clubs! To book after school Multisport (YR-Y6) and KS2 basketball sessions <u>please</u> <u>click here.</u>

In addition to the above, we have a wide range of after school clubs at St Mary's including dance, gymnastics, Sportzone, Martial Arts and 'Stay and Play' mornings and afternoons. Please visit our <u>clubs page</u> on the website. All clubs must be booked directly with the individual clubs and are on a first come, first served basis.

We look forward to welcoming the new children and families who will be joining us in September. They are going to have the best time in Reception Butterfly Class!

I look forward to working with you and your children in the new academic year and wish you all a relaxing and adventure filled summer holiday.

Have a lovely summer,

Mrs Emmeline Lawlor

Headteacher

