



ST MARY'S CE FIRST ACADEMY

# NEWSLETTER

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"SHINE AS A LIGHT IN THE WORLD"  
Matthew 5:16

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As the first full fortnight draws to a close, I write to thank those of you that I have met, for your incredibly warm welcome and kind comments. Brewood and St. Mary's are beginning to feel like home and getting to know your children has been a real highlight. There are smiles in corridors and exciting lessons taking place. Our new pupils appear to be settling well into their new school and there is a positive feeling of new beginnings post lockdowns.

I am a great believer in listening to our pupils and ensuring that we understand how each individual feels about their day to day experience of school life. Towards the end of the summer term I asked all classes to share their views on things that they felt could make their school an even better place to be. I am now focused on actioning their suggestions, particularly around improving our playgrounds, our library spaces and our catering provision. I will continue to update our school community on the progress being made.

In order for St. Mary's to continually improve, we must establish the best possible 'climate for learning'. Key to this, is the general behaviour of our pupils and the quality of our relationships at all levels. Behaviour also incorporates our pupils learning behaviours along with the respect and tolerance that they demonstrate towards each other every day. I am sure that all of our parents and guardians will support these high expectations of our pupils, both inside and outside of school. I would like every child to see themselves as an 'ambassador' for their academy and I would appreciate your endorsement of this at home.

## Uniform

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind our school community of the expected standard for general uniform. All pupils are expected to take a pride in being correctly dressed, whether in school uniform or sports kit. Pupils should also bring a water bottle each day and a coat or waterproof when inclement weather is expected. Jewellery should be minimal and no rings or necklaces should be worn. Earrings should be small studs only.

There is no greater frustration than discussing uniform rules with children and it can detract from the important conversations about learning which should be taking place. I thank you in advance for your continued support in this matter. We take a great pride in the appearance of our pupils and I am sure that you will agree that it is important that we have a consistent approach to our dress code.

COVID Update

Please note that we have been made aware of a number of positive COVID cases within our school community. We continue to follow government guidelines and are keeping Public Health England informed in accordance with our 'outbreak protocols'. Please be reassured that we are doing all we can to minimise spread and to ensure that we are continuing with our cleaning and hygiene regimes.

Mrs Brennan, our Head of School, will continue to update our community through regular newsletters and I will write to you all again prior to half term. I have really enjoyed getting to know the children and staff of St Mary's over the last few weeks and I look forward to establishing positive relationships with parents and our wider community. Please do remember that our door is always open; a problem shared is a problem halved.

With very best wishes,

Mr Dickson

Executive Principal

# STAR OF THE WEEK

Class	Pupil
Nursery	Olivia
Reception	Olivia
Year 1 & 2	Jacob
Year 3 & 4	Blake

A massive well done to all children for all their hard work this week. We are proud to call you a part of our St Mary's Family.

