



Autumn 2

# Governor's Newsletter

## Dates for your diary...

Wednesday 18th December KS1 Performance 1:15pm and 6pm.

Thursday 19th December: End of term Mass 10:30am and Carols round the crib 2:15pm.

Friday 20th December: Teacher Training Day

Monday 6th January: Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 7th January: School opens to all pupils.

First Swim Session for KS2 pupils (PE for remaining pupils in school).

Wednesday 8th January: 10am Nurse visit for Heights and Weights checks in Year R and Year 6.

The Village has a Walking Nativity every year, if you would like to take part please contact Mrs Hawkins: Thursday 19th December 6:45pm Village Hall ALW 07762330497



## Chair Person's Message

Dear Parents

What an amazing first term St Mary's have had. I would like to welcome all the new families to the school, and a very special welcome to the children and families who have joined our newly formed preschool.

We are thrilled that the preschool is now integrated with our Reception class, and are thankful to Mrs Concannon, Mrs Vale and Mrs King for all the hard work that went into making it happen. We have a number of new children who will be joining the preschool in the next couple of terms, taking the provision from strength to strength.

As always the staff have worked incredibly hard to provide all our children with fantastic opportunities, from theatre trips, educational trips, sports, music, nativity productions and an exciting and well planned curriculum. The wide array of extra curricular after school clubs is a superb provision for our children and ensures every child has an opportunity to develop their own special talent. On behalf of the governing board a very big thank you to Mrs Concannon and the whole staffing team for their dedication, enthusiasm and continued desire to provide the very best for our children.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas,

*Rebecca Iley*



## After School Clubs

Monday: Football & Cooking

Tuesday: Singing

Wednesday: Arts and Crafts

Thursday: Lego

Mon-Fri: Rising Stars



Book on ParentPay

## Governing Board:

Rebecca Iley - Chair of governors

Steve Prance - Local authority governor and deputy chair

Debbie Brimson - Staff governor

Paula Atkins - Parent governor

Tess Smith - Foundation governor

Louise King - Clerk to the governors

Daniel Brimson - Associate governor

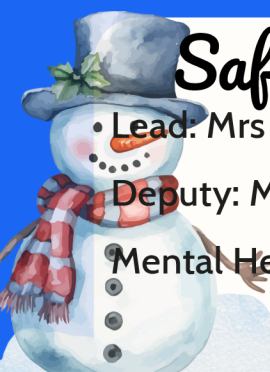
I am pleased to announce that in the new year we will be welcoming, Nadine Hassan (foundation governor), Carol Appleby (parent governor) and Juliette Lifford (associate governor)

## Safeguarding

• Lead: Mrs Concannon

Deputy: Mrs Vale

Mental Health: Mrs Morgan



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## What's New:

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Clipson into the St Mary's Family. Mrs Clipson joins us as class teacher for Fishermen. She brings with her a wealth of knowledge and experience which we are already reaping the benefits from. Mrs Clipson is running Forest School sessions for all year groups within the school. "Forest school sessions support our children to develop socially, emotionally, physically and intellectually, it provides a safe non-judgemental nurturing environment for our children to try stuff out and take risks." We could not be happier to be able to offer this to all our children. Thank you Mrs Clipson.

Welcome also to Miss Bothwell who joins us as a teaching assistant. She also brings some fantastic opportunities for our children such as singing classes, support in Rising Stars and lots of great new ideas and enthusiasm - welcome to the St Mary's family Miss Bothwell.

## Update:

The Governing Board have been working on a number of projects to support the development and growth of the school.

**Buildings and Maintenance:** Steve Prance continues to work closely with Mrs Concannon to ensure the school building and grounds are kept and maintained to a high standard. We are on top of all major projects with just the school roof to focus on. We will keep you updated on the progress of this project.

**Standards and Achievements:** the summer 2024 SAT's results have been published this month:

Pupils achieving at a higher standard in reading, writing and maths was 18% compared to an England average of 8%.

Average scores in reading, school achieved 106 against an England average of 105.

Average score in maths, school achieved 103 against an England average of 104.

Mrs Concannon and the team will continue their focus to raise the levels of writing for our children. We are pleased with the results for our children, and they are as predicted. All our children progressed with value add being high. As parents please continue to support your children by completing homework, listening to your children read, maths times tables and practicing weekly spellings.

## Help Requested:

The school does not currently have a PTFA, Mrs Concannon, Mrs McGinely with the help of other staff have been running all the events. This is not sustainable and we need your help!!

The PTFA provides much needed funds to support the school with all the extra curricular activities we provide for our children. The funds help to subsidise trips, buy materials and much more.

We would like to form a new PTFA and need a small core group to come forward to support the venture. Please contact me if you are interested in helping out.

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