

*Therefore encourage one another  
and build each other up.*

*Thessalonians 5: 11*

## St Mary's Newsletter Autumn 2023

### Welcome to Class 1!

### Believe and Achieve Together



We hope you had a lovely summer break. The Autumn Term has started well and the children are settling into their school routines. Please do not hesitate to ask if there is anything, you wish to know or if you need any help supporting your child at home. We will always do our best to help.

#### Curriculum

Please refer to our "Class" page on the school website to find out more about what your children will be learning this term.

Literacy this term will be focusing on sentence work and grammar, including letter recognition and sounding out.

In Maths, we will be focusing on place value, comparing numbers, addition and subtraction.

#### Class rewards

Children in Class 1 will earn stars for our star chart. The children will be aiming for 10 stars and when this is achieved, they will choose a prize from the prize box. This is an ongoing reward system throughout the year. We will also celebrate our Class 1 Star of the Week, who will receive a special certificate to take home.

#### General information

ClassDojo has been set up for each class and will be used as a way for you to communicate with class teachers as well as Miss Kelsall.

Please inform Miss Kelsall of any absence or appointments. Other messages can be sent to class teachers who will respond to your message as soon as they are able to. If you have any concerns, please speak to your child's class teacher who will do their best to help you.

***We look forward to working with both new and old parents this year.***

***Mr Butt and Mrs Clark***

#### Class routines

PE will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Children **must** be in their PE kit in order to take part in the lesson.

Reception parents will be encouraged to join the Tapestry app after our Reception Curriculum Evening. It is a quick and easy way of sharing experiences both in the classroom and at home. Please accept the invitations to the app when they are sent out.

Fresh fruit and water are available throughout the day in Class 1. Please refrain from sending bottles of water or juice in with your child.

**Year 1 children** are allowed to bring 20p each day for tuck. Both reception and year 1 children are allowed to bring a healthy snack in daily, e.g. crackers, fruit roll ups, etc. As mentioned before, fruit will also always be available.

#### Reading

We will continue to teach the children to read through the weekly guided reading sessions. The home reading books will continue to be sent home for you to share with your children. Books will be changed every Monday and Thursday – so please would you make sure that your child brings their books in on these days. We understand it is not always easy to read with your children at home, however it is essential to reinforce the skills they are being taught in school. This should be done on a daily basis.

#### Dates for your diary:

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September- Welcome Walk @ 6pm

5<sup>th</sup> October- Reception Curriculum Evening @ 7pm.

12<sup>th</sup> October- Harvest Festival School Service in church from 9am.

16<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> October- Parents' Meetings

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October- School closes for half term