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Dear Parent,

Imagine  
With all  
your mind.  
Believe  
With all  
your heart.  
Achieve  
With all  
your might.

## Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July - Leavers' Mass

Please join us for our Y6 Leavers' Mass in Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July. The mass will take place in the church at 9.30 and will allow us to say goodbye to our children and all families who are leaving us this year.

We remember, too, our staff who move on from us. During our mass we will ask God to bless us all as we embrace a new future as well as to thank Him for His mercy and blessings over this past year. All welcome.

At the end of mass our Y6 children will leave the church with Fr John and enjoy a celebration of their years at St Mary's together in the school hall. Y6 parents welcome to join this celebration.

## Saying goodbye ...

To Miss Hill and Miss Hall who began their teaching careers with us and are moving forward in their lives. We wish them all the very best and hope that during their time with us they have grown in many ways.

To Mrs Nagle who has spent the past two years working with us. Her experience and beautiful integrity and hard work has been uplifting to all who have closely interacted with her. Thank you and all the very best.

To Mr Davis who started his teaching career with us some 7 years ago. He has grown in so many ways and been an example to the pupils of fairness and hope. We wish him all the very best in his new school, thank him for his contribution to St Mary's, for his humour and energy. May God bless his future.

To Mr Blaney, who, after 15 years as Deputy Head, is stepping down as part of semi-retirement. Mr Blaney has been at the forefront of St Mary's for far longer than his time as teacher and Deputy Head. Prior to working here, he had been a school governor and so his impact has been huge over many, many years. My thanks are unlimited for his support, care and professional challenge. May God reward his goodness and deep commitment. Thank you.

We say **au revoir** to Miss Kata who has worked with us as a pianist for a good few years. She is undoubtedly talented in her skill. We wish her well and thank her for her time and talent that has enhanced so many occasions over the years.

We also say **goodbye to the families who leave us: Andrade, Anteckka, Ashe, Carroll, Daly, Duffy, Duru, Flynn, Gardner, Getachew, Gray, Hale, Harbutt, Karemo, Kitcher, Lacz, Lynch, Mathew, McCloskey, Mercado, Mooney, Moyo, Mutekedza, Ncube, Ndhlula, Nellissery, O'Boyle, Overthrow-Wardle, Quigley, Romans, Shelton, Shyamala, Stephens, Tom, Vaida, Wojcik, Zhang.**

We also say farewell and all the best to the Cunningham family who have returned to Spain and the Hurley family who are relocating to Canada. May God bless you all as you start anew.

## End of term Arrangements

Please ensure that ALL belongings are taken home over the summer break. Thank you

### **Bags at School**

More and more children are bringing in huge rucksack type bags with very little to carry in them. Due to our confined cloakroom spaces, we are finding it more and more difficult to house such large (and unnecessary) bags. Therefore, we would like to propose that ALL children from YR to Y6 use the school bags. These bags are slim line and can carry whatever a child needs for reading, homework etc. It will be safer and much neater in the classrooms too. **PLEASE** support us with this. Thank you!

### **Attendance**

Congratulations to the children who have been in school 100% of the time this year! We will recognise their achievement next week with a certificate and badge.

The end of year attendances for our classes are:

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
YRL	97.26	YRF	96.97
Y1L	97.72	Y1F	98.74
Y2L	98.05	Y2F	97.47
Y3L	97.14	Y3F	97.96
Y4L	96.66	Y4F	97.30
Y5L	96.18	Y5F	97.24
Y6L	96.34	Y6F	96.72

*Our average attendance remains at 97%+ across all classes which is a wonderful indication of how much our school and what we have to offer means to so many of you. Thank you for treasuring your children's education and for the support you give to them and us. It is, after all, they, who will rightly reap the reward!*

### **Dinner Money**

The cost for next half term is £91.65. If you prefer to pay weekly £11.75.

### **WOW Bags**

Mr Blaney is extremely grateful for the support received from all who bought bags, pencil cases, wallets, credit card holders etc. etc. The money will go to the worthiest cause and support long suffering women in the Philippines who care for their families on meagre sums. Thank you!

### **THANK YOU!**

To all remaining families, children, governors and staff. We will continue to turn the cycle of St Mary's history as we return in September. In the meantime, keep safe and enjoy a very happy holiday time. May God bless and protect each and every one of us during the weeks away.

We return to school on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September (staff return on Monday) ready to kick off another exciting year! God bless!

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher