

# St Mary's Newsletter

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– WELCOME –  
BACK TO SCHOOL

Dear parents, carers and friends of the school.

## Welcome Back!

Today's newsletter is going to be short and (hopefully) sweet as the children have only been back in school for two full days. Next week's newsletter will resume with all of the information that we normally include with each of our Friday newsletters as well as some important reminders.

Firstly, I would like to say a **BIG** well done to all of the children for how well they have done coming into school into their new classes. Having been in education now for over 23 years I never underestimate how nervous and apprehensive children can feel on their very first day; nevertheless, I am delighted to say that there were lots of smiley faces around school at brektime (and that was just the teaching staff!). Having spent some time around school and in each classroom over these first few days I never fail to be extremely proud of our St Mary's pupils – not least their excellent manners and smart uniform and it was lovely to have them together once again for today's daily worship where the theme was 'changes'. In fact today's assembly was the first time in over a year and a half that all of the children have been allowed to sit together as one in the school hall! It really was lovely to have all the pupils back together as one again!

I would also like to thank all of our parents and carers for helping to make this one of the calmest starts to a term that I can remember. You have all helped your children to adapt to so many changes over the last two years that there is almost too many changes to list here. I thank you all for how well you have supported both your children and our lovely school. Thank you.

It has also been lovely to see so many friendly faces on the school gate once again, without a sea of masks getting in the way!

We look forward to welcoming the new reception pupils in Butterfly class who will be joining us over the next week and we also wish last year's Year 6 pupils (who are now Year 7s) the very best of luck as they begin their new journey at secondary school.

*Mr C. D. Jarmain*

Headteacher at St Mary's

## School Uniform and P.E Kit

As you will know, St Mary's is well-known for its smart pupils and purple, white and grey school uniform. I have been very pleased with how smartly dressed the children have been, as they have passed me on the school gate and when I have passed them throughout the school, or met them in their classrooms.

As ever, to start off the school year the school is having another close look at the children's school uniform; so please help us by ensuring that your child or children are wearing the correct uniform. In regards to footwear the children should wear black shoes, **not trainers**. It is also important that the children shirts are tucked in, especially as they arrive at school and leave at the end of the day. When the children arrive in school in their P.E kit, please can we ask the children to wear their purple P.E top and either their purple school jumper/cardigan or a jumper that is either black or grey and **does not have a logo on**. Earrings must removed by the children before PE. If your child is unable to do this themselves, please make sure they are removed before coming to school. Thank you for your help and support in this matter!

The school has a huge amount of school uniform which is in excellent condition and is freshly laundered (in our very own washing machine and drier). If you need any specific items of uniform please contact our Welfare Support Officer Jo Crocker on [jocrocker@st-maryscofe.essex.sch.uk](mailto:jocrocker@st-maryscofe.essex.sch.uk) and Jo will very gladly try to source any items you need – we even have lots of pairs of boys and girls school shoes and trainers. We will be delighted to help!

## Home Learning

Just a reminder that if your child or children are off school for a short period of time, that you can find the class' Home Learning Plan on our newly constructed school website. Please visit the Curriculum section of our school website, or just click on the following link <https://stmaryschurchofengland.secure-primarysite.net/home-learning-plans/> If you need any help or support, please contact the school on [info@st-maryscofe.essex.sch.uk](mailto:info@st-maryscofe.essex.sch.uk) where we will be glad to help. These Home Learning Plans provide lots of links to lessons and activities so that your child can continue to learn whilst at home (as long as they are well enough, of course!)

## School Dinner Accounts

If your child is having a school dinner, please could all KS2 parents make sure their School Dinner account is in credit at all times. If you are having trouble accessing the account, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.