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"Called to Love as God Loves"

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Here we are again at another hugely successful school year. Yesterday morning we gathered in church to celebrate our end of year Mass. We will be saying goodbye and good luck to our amazing Year Six Children. I know that they will be super ambassadors of St Mary's at their new high school and I am confident that they will go on to build the Kingdom of God in the future.



Congratulations to the children who received their First Holy Communion recently. The children were very reverent at both Masses. The Year Three team were incredibly proud of them. Thank you in particular to all the Catechist who have supported the children on their faith journey this year.



The weather was kind to us last week when the children had the opportunity to participate in Sports Day. A big thank you to Miss Whitehead for organising a wide range of activities for the children to enjoy. However, I'm still not sure about the blind bucket throw!! Thank you to all the adults who were able to attend. It was nice to see so many adults encouraging and supporting the children. It really was a lovely family atmosphere.



The Summer Fair was also a huge success. The Friends of St Mary's worked hard at short notice to organise a super afternoon of family entertainment. They raised a magnificent £804.13. Thank you to everyone for supporting this event.

The curriculum has been enriched by several trips this term including trips to Sea Life, The Ice Cream Farm, Chester Zoo, Blackpool, The Crown Courts and Flip Out. The children's behaviour as always was excellent on each trip.



Our Musicians have had a very busy term. Year 4 had a very special opportunity when they played with The Halle Orchestra at the Bridgewater Hall. The choir and musicians participated in The Oldham Music Festival and our very own Summer Concert recently and our Year Five children performed alongside Newman College Choir at their Summer Show.



Congratulations to our Well Being Ambassadors who have done a tremendous job working throughout the year with Mrs Dobrowolski and Mrs O'Leary. They impressed the Well Being Local Authority Representative so much that she has asked would they share their good practice next year with other schools across the Borough.



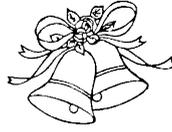
I am delighted to report that once again we have been successful in our bid to the Diocese for school improvement works. During the holidays, work will begin on a KS2 corridor by-pass. This will allow movement around KS2 without needing to walk through the hall disturbing PE lessons and assemblies. We will also update our breakfast club facilities and disabled toilet. Thank you to all those families that contributed to the school building fund last year which facilitates this building work.



Thank you to everyone this year for trying to improve our attendance. The overall school attendance for this year is 96.3% Congratulations in particular to the children who achieved 100% this year. A remarkable achievement!



The late arrival of some children is still a matter for concern. It is vital that children arrive on time for school to prevent them from missing phonic lessons in KS1 and mental arithmetic in KS2. Mrs Jacobs and I will be meeting with these families in the Autumn Term.



Congratulations to Miss Dolan who will be returning to school as Mrs McFee in September following her wedding in August. We wish the happy couple a long and joyful future together.

On behalf of the children, I would like to thank the Friends of St Mary's who have worked tirelessly again this year organising lovely family events whilst raising much needed funds for school. This year they have raised £660 through the club draw; £375 for the Bags to School and £39 on the Fathers' Day Competition in addition to other events that have taken place throughout the year. Thank you to all the parents who give so generously to support our fundraising activities. We will continue to invest this money in improving playtimes for the children.

Thank you also to our Governing Board. They have been a tremendous support to school this year in particular during our Section 8 and Section 48 Ofsted Inspections. They attend meetings late into the evening making decisions on behalf of our school community and for this I am truly grateful.

I would like to thank Father Michael and Father John who have supported the spiritual development of the children and staff at school ensuring we bear witness to Christ each day.

Finally, I would like to offer my sincere thanks for all your support this year. I feel blessed to lead this wonderful school community.

Enjoy your summer break!

Ms M. Garvey

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