

ST MARY'S CE(C) FIRST SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

ST MARY'S SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

This is just a short letter to update you on some changes which have been made to the internal and external school environment over the summer holidays.

Early Year's Provision

You may have already seen the changes to the internal layout. What was the Reception Year classroom is now for Year 1 and 2 pupils. This classroom has access to the central environmental area, which pupils can use for their curriculum work, particularly for outdoor lessons on a range of exciting projects.

The classroom, which was formerly for Year 2, is now a new area for Reception pupils. Part of the wall was removed over the summer break so that this room now opens into Nursery creating a wonderful, new Early Years' area (EYFS). This will enable an even smoother transition for children as they move from Nursery to Reception and further assist the interaction between Reception and Nursery staff.

I must thank the Staff for all of their hard work over the summer, moving furniture, painting and putting up new displays. The school really does look so much better for your children.

School Grounds

Thank you so much to all the parents, pupils, Governors, Staff, volunteers and friends who gave up their time and came into school on a number of days in July, August and September. You have achieved so much!

Pond Area

The pond area has been cleared, the pond itself partly emptied, shrubs and trees have been cut back and the fence repaired and painted. The wildlife is thriving in this vicinity!

Spirituality Area

This has been marked out, the ground-weed killed and a bench set in the middle of the designated "cross-shaped" layout. Our school grounds contractor will soon frame the area with wooden edging so that we can in-fill the pathway with bark and gravel. We are also considering a planting scheme.

Benches

Many wooden and metal benches have been painted with still more to complete.

Plant Border

The border next to the Year 2 corridor has been cleared ready for planting.

Sheds

The play sheds have been painted.

Environmental Area

The Environmental Area in the middle of school has been tidied, the grass has been cut, the shrubs have been pruned back, the benches stained and the planters cleared.

As there is still so much to do, I would like to propose a date, Sunday 25th September, for anyone who may be interested in coming along to help. If you are able to lend a hand, please could you complete the slip below and return it to the School Office. There will be other dates suggested.

Yours sincerely

Mr D I Swift

Executive Headteacher

OUTDOOR WORKING PARTY

- I am able to come along and help with the school ground improvements on Sunday 25th September 2016, 1.30pm to 4.00pm.
- I am able to come along and help with the school ground improvements but I cannot make Sunday 25th September 2016.

Signed: _____ Name: _____
Parent of: _____ In Class: _____
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