



St Mary and St Peter Catholic Primary School

Journeying Together in Faith



Reception Class Letter – 8th September 2017

Welcome to St Mary and St Peter, we hope you will enjoy becoming part of our school community. We hope that you have all had an amazing summer and are all ready for an exciting term ahead!

Things your child will be learning in the next few weeks

- These first few weeks, with your support, we will be settling your child into school. There is a lot to learn, friends to make, routines to learn, a new classroom to explore and discover.
- We will be following the interests of the children, so we will regularly update you with what we are up to via letters, your child's school diary and the class page on our website <http://smspprimary.co.uk/pupils/your-class/reception/>
- We will also be using Tapestry to help record your child's learning journey. We will shortly, be sending you a letter to explain how you can access your child's learning journey online.

Things you could explore at home to help your child's learning

- Share the books that we send home with your child. We will start by sending books that just tell the story in pictures, these are to help your child talk about stories.
- You could ask question such as: "What is happening?", "What do you think will happen next?", "What would you do if you were the child in the story?", "Which part of the story did you like best?"
- Later, as we start teaching Phonics we will send home books that use the sounds that the children have learnt in class. We will also send home a book that your child has borrowed from our school library. This is to share together and be enjoyed.
- Please write into your child's school diary a brief comment when you have read with your child saying how it went.

Please take note of these points

- Please make sure that all your child's clothes are named, especially things that they take off regularly like coats, jumpers and hats.
- We will put any notes and messages either in your child's book bag or school diary, please check these every night for us. We will check their book bags every morning for any messages.
- For the time being, reception children will need to be brought round to the class at the start of the day via the side date. This is also the place you will need to come to pick your child up at the end of school.

How you can get in contact with us

- You can write a note in your child's diary
- You can stop and have a brief chat with us at the end of the day, just let us make sure that we have dismissed the other children first.
- If you want a longer conversation, we can organise an appointment with you.
- If it is an urgent issue, please call the school office.
- Alternatively, if your message isn't urgent please contact the school office via email or telephone

If you have any questions or queries, then please don't hesitate to get in touch. Many thanks for your support.

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Reception Class Teacher