



# St Mary's News 2022 July issue

*"Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another"*

Dear Parents,

**Summer Fayre** – I really think we need a drum roll before I announce the profits from the Summer Fayre. (You will have to imagine one in your head). This year the Fayre raised a profit of ...**£2,836.10!** That is a phenomenal amount of money, which will be put to good use under the guidance, and direction of Mrs Hill, in the new term. Thank you to all of the parents, grandparents, ex parents, children and staff who rallied together, to ensure such a success. A massive thank you to the PTA, under the organised guidance of Emma, our ***I'm not the chair chair of the PTA***. She has been incredible as have her minions – working so hard in the back ground too.

**Sports Day** Both Sports Days were a pleasure to be part of. Thank you to those parents and grandparents who came and cheered, smiled, clapped and appreciated the many skills and efforts of the children here at SMA. Thanks to Miss Wood and the Sports Captains for their diligent preparation for the day, also.

**Pirates of the Curry Bean-** Huge congratulations to the Y5/6 vast of Pirates of the Curry Bean. Our two showings mesmerised our audiences, with laughter, humour, incredible talent and wonderful evidence of the growth and maturity being nurtured in your children here at SMA, supported, of course by yourselves. Particular thanks to Mrs Polito, Mr Sutton, Mrs Evans, Mrs Adamson, Mrs Malhi, and Mrs Amann ;they are very astute at typecasting!

## **A personal note from me.**

Wow! I am completely bowled over by the good wishes, the lovely words, the advice, and the time and effort taken to pass these messages on- via email, chats, cards- you have got me from every direction! I am truly grateful for the wonderful gifts and gestures of appreciation, also. They are lovely, too – undeserved but hugely appreciated. There is a vicious rumour circulating that tea, chocolate, wine, gin and sweets are the way to my heart- I think the staff may be behind this!

As I have said, the children here at SMA – past and present- will always hold a very special place in my heart. The many memories of them will always raise a smile and I look forward to meeting them, as young men and women, in the future.

Parents, thank you for your trust and your co –operation. Sometimes decisions have not been popular- yet still, you have respected my position and still you have followed advice as requested. Mutual respect and teamwork at its best! I really look forward to hearing of your children's continued success.

Some have asked me what I plan to do next-I will be teaching for a term and then I plan to support teachers to teach those areas that are sometimes the most tricky with the least time to address. I look forward to it!

Prayers are guaranteed for you all- particularly those who are not looking forward to the summer break. Please spare a prayer for me too- if you will. Thank you, once more and God bless. Mrs O'Hara xx

## **Upcoming events:**

**Mon 5/9:** School is closed due to Staff INSET

**Tues 6/9:** School re opens to all pupils from Y1-Y6

**Mon 12/9:** School opens to all EYFS children in Reception and in Nursery

## **And Finally...**

*On behalf of the Governors and staff, thank you for all of your good wishes and gifts. We hope that you have a safe, sunny, relaxed summer break. We look forward to your return in September, to meet new teachers and new opportunities.*