Welcome to our Kinder Family!

Dear Parents,
Welcome to Kindergarten, 2017. We trust that you have had a very relaxing and peaceful holiday. We are very excited about the year that lays ahead of us; it will be full of new learning experiences, personal growth and spiritual nurturing.

What We're Learning This Term:

Religion: This term we will explore how prayer is a special way we can talk to God.

Maths: We will be investigating the numbers 1 - 10, identifying 2D and 3D shapes and exploring both number and shape patterns.

English: Kindergarten will be exploring a variety of quality literature, exposing the children to the differing concepts of print. The children will experience inquiry based learning based upon their individual needs and given opportunities to engage in Independent Free Reading and Writing.

Science: Children will investigate and explore the properties of different materials in their environments and their uses.

History: Our Families will be our focus this term. Children will be encouraged to share their family history and a family photo.

Creative Arts: We will be exploring different drawing mediums including paint, dyes and rollers to create different effects.

PE: Our main aim this term is to build on our Gross Motor skills through games and physical play.

Music Drama: This will be taught by Mrs Jade Presser each week. Children will explore movement, music and songs relating to ‘Bucket Filling’, the Virtues and other learning.

PD/H: This will be taught by Mrs Jacqui Bolger.

Communication Folder:
Each child will receive a Communication Folder. This folder is a great way to keep you informed as to what is happening in your child’s class each week. It also allows you to communicate directly with us. Home Reading is also recorded in the folder.

Eating Times: St. Mary’s is a NUT FREE School.

Fruit Break 10am - Children are to be provided with a small piece of fruit that has been cut up

Lunch - 11.20am

Recess - 1.30pm
**Water Bottle:** Children will require a drink bottle each day filled with water.

**Library:** Mrs Joanne Murphy will take the children for Library for 1 hour each week.

KR - Thursday
KE - Friday

**Sport and PE Days:** Children are to wear their sport clothes on the following days:
Tuesday and Thursday

**School Banking:** Occurs every Tuesday, inquire at the School Office.

**House Keeping:**

- **School Absences:** If your child is absent from school, either partially or full day, please send in a note explaining the absence using email, skoolbag app or a written note. This is a legal requirement.
- Please able ALL clothing and belongings.
- Children MUST wear a HAT to school each day.
- **Appointments:** Appointments can be made through email or phone to the school office. You are always welcome to visit but as the school day is very busy, for extended conversations, an appointment is best.

Looking forward to a spectacular year! Please do contact us if you have any queries or if we can help in any way at any stage.

Many Thanks.

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