



# St. Mary's C of E (VC) Primary School

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Dear Parents

I can't believe that we have already got to half term. The academic year has been a busy one so far and things will continue apace after the break. I hope that you managed to meet with your child's class teacher during our consultation period and found that meeting useful. If you did not manage to get an appointment or if other things arise then you can always contact the school or go and speak to the teacher about making an appointment to meet. The progress that children make is important to us, but we only see them for 6 hours, 5 days per week, 38 weeks of the year. This means that for 87% of their lives they are away from us, so working in partnership with you is vital!

## Reading

Reading at home to an adult, sibling or having an adult read to them, is an important developmental step which supports children's understanding and reading ability. In school staff have limited time to listen to children read. If there are any parents who feel that you may be able to commit to volunteer for an hour or two each week to this invaluable task we would be grateful to hear from you. We will secure the necessary Disclosure and Barring Service checks and provide training if you are worried about how to do this, but it is really about encouraging children and engaging them in their reading. It may be that there are grandparents who would be willing to give up some time too. If this is something that you may consider please speak to me or to your child's class teacher.

## Musical Instrument Tuition

Mr Nuthall will NOT be in school on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October. He will recommence on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November and then work through until Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – on this date he will catch up with those in Year 6 who will be away on their residential on November 27<sup>th</sup>.

It is good to see the sun shining today and hopefully it will remain dry for the break so that you and your children can get out and make the most of the holiday. I hope that the children get an opportunity to rest and relax as we have a busy half-term ahead in the lead up to Christmas.

Please remember that the children are back in school on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018.**

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Adrian Scarrett  
Headteacher



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