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## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER: FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023, WEEK 3

### FROM THE HEADTEACHER

#### Ofsted

Dear parents,

Well, after years of waiting we have finally had our Ofsted inspection. Until the report is quality assured we are unable to share the final judgement with you; I know you will be as frustrated by that as we are.

I just wanted to write to thank you and your wonderful children for showcasing all that we do at St Mary's. I have been deeply moved by the views shared with inspectors at the school gates and by the those of the children. The wonderful comments won't be captured in the report so I want to share some with you:

Reception child seen playing and chasing by the inspector who asked her what she was playing "oh we are playing chasing ...but only gently." That child is a future politician!

Middle site child "St Mary's keeps me safe and the adults look after me."

Junior site child when asked about behaviour "it's really bad because when the teacher says put down your glue some children don't"; that caused us a chuckle.

Last week children on the middle and junior sites heard from Connected planet Foundation who taught about "ubuntu". Nelson Mandela said "In Africa there is a concept known as 'ubuntu' – the profound sense that we are human only through the humanity of others; that if we are to accomplish anything in this world it will in equal measure be due to the work and achievement of others".

The timing of this lesson couldn't have been better. These last few days have seen the power of the work and achievement of a team and I could not be prouder than I am now about all that has been accomplished. My huge thanks go to the staff who work hard each and every day for your children and have shown such loyalty to our school; I am lucky to work with such dedicated professionals.

Next week we go back to business as usual ...

### FINALLY

#### Prayer

Dear Lord, thank you for the endurance you give us every day to strive and be the best versions of ourselves. We appreciate the peaceful environment around us and hope that those who live in conflict can find refuge elsewhere. Please help us to be thankful for the time and effort our teachers take to make fun lessons. Please guide us to forgive those who will do wrong and help us not to hold grudges. Amen. *Megan K 6KG*

Yours sincerely

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