



St Mary's and St John's CE School

"With God, all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26)

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Dear Parent / Carer

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you back, and hope that you all had a well-deserved Summer break. I would like to offer a special welcome to our new SMSJ families, and I look forward to meeting with you all at some point.

With effective partnerships between school and home, SMSJ is becoming a school that the community is proud of and a school where each and every one of our students achieves well and makes strong academic progress.

I firmly believe that children have the right to attend an outstanding school within their local community. For this to happen, we must all be relentless in our drive to ensure that our students make strong progress, enjoy their learning, achieve results that will prepare them for further education and provide them with the opportunities to succeed in their future. This is all the more important against a national backdrop of more challenging expectations. Our recent results demonstrate the high quality of the education our students are receiving.

The importance of an effective and respectful partnership between home and school is vital. If parents and the school work in unison, demanding the same high standards in all aspects of behaviour and academic achievement, then great learning will follow. I would like to thank all the parent/carers who continue to give their unwavering support and we ask for your continued cooperation as we set even higher standards and expectations.

With this in mind, I intend to hold my first parent forums of the new school year. These will take place at the following dates and times:

25th September at 08:45 **and** 15:30 at Neale House
26th September at 17:00 at Stamford Raffles

Our values, **Wisdom, Service and Hope** continue to guide us. We are resolute in ensuring that our vision and values are lived through every aspect of school life. With this in mind, I would like to take this opportunity to revisit our home school agreement and ask all of you to read the document with your children, sign and return it to school.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if we can support you with any aspect of your child's learning and progress.

Yours faithfully,

Mr M Serrão
Principal