Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to Year One Wisdom Class! We hope that you and your families had a pleasant and refreshing break.

**Your child’s teachers** will be: Ms Keevil, Mrs Gilsenan, Mrs Aylott, Mrs Whytock and Mrs Gusciglio. This seems like a lot of teachers but we have a very large class and we will be spreading out between two classrooms so that the children can learn and play in safety.

The first term will be a mix of Reception and Year One style teaching and learning. We will spend the first few weeks recapping our sounds and practising our handwriting. We will be getting used to our new routines and activities including morning break time and P.E. with Mr Smith.

In **Literacy** we will be sharing stories from familiar settings in Literacy and will be reading Supertato, Traction Man, Dogger and The mixed-up Chameleon. The children will be taking ideas from these books to use in their own sentences and will be working towards writing their own stories independently. The children will have daily phonics sessions in order to secure their understanding of the sounds from Phase 2, 3, 4 and 5, practice their blending and recognize the key words for their age group.

In **Numeracy** we will be counting backwards and forwards from any number, counting objects aswell as practising reading and writing numbers and number words up to twenty. Later on we will be learning the names and features of 2D and 3D shapes and will start to make our own addition and subtraction number sentences.

In **Science** we will be learning to name and label the different parts of the human body and find out what the five senses are. In both Geography and Art we will be looking at the weather. In Geography we will be using symbols for different types of weather and finding out how this affects people all over the world. In Art we will be using different colours to paint clouds and skies and find out how colour affects our mood.

**Our topic for R.E**. will be Beginning with the Church and your child will learn about the signs, symbols and sacraments. If you have any pictures of your child’s baptism or christening please can you send them in with your child as soon as possible. This will be a fun way to discuss the sacraments and share something of your child’s own history in the Church. We will be attending Mass via livestreaming from St Mary’s and will attend our own Mass at the end of the half-term.

As always, we recommend that you **listen to your child read** for ten minutes every day. We will be providing a home reading record which you can sign when your child reads with you and you can make comments in. This will be seen (but not touched) by the teacher who will be keeping a separate in-school record. School reading books will still be sent home and we ask that you bring them in on the days required as we will need to quarantine books between readers. Homework will be given out on Thursdays and should be returned on Monday.

**Our P.E. day** should be on Tuesdays and your child may arrive in school dressed in St Mary’s uniform P.E. kit on that day. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct items and please purchase St Marys joggers so they are not too cold on chilly days.

It is important that children do not bring in toys or stationery from home. All writing and play equipment will be provided by the school and each child will use items from their own packs. Play equipment will be sanitised daily.

Please ensure that your child arrives at school promptly at 8.30 each day. This earlier start is to allow time for hand-washing and socially-spaced lining up. Similarly, it is very important that you pick up your child promptly at 2.15 pm.

Please do not hesitate to send in a note or call the office if you need to discuss anything with the teacher.

We are looking forward to a wonderful autumn term full of learning and discovery.