

St Mary's CE (A) Primary School, Muckleston

Mail on Monday

10th October 2016



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to everyone who came to the Harvest Service on Friday afternoon, it was lovely to see so many of you in church. All the children sang and read beautifully and it was a pleasure to formally welcome our new Reception children to St Mary's school and the Church of England community. Several parents have taken the time to speak to me and Mr Bayfield to express their thanks and we are very grateful for this feedback.

Breakfast Club – Monday Mornings

I would like to apologise for any confusion that may have arisen around Breakfast Club on a Monday morning during the weeks when Class 3 children are swimming. To clarify, Breakfast Club is available from the usual time of 7:45am but from 8:30am Mrs Sellman will take care of the children to allow Mrs Dicks time to travel to the swimming pool. This arrangement will be in place until the half term break as it is Class 3's final swimming lesson next week.

Class 2 - Interviews for Teaching Position

As you know we are currently advertising for a new teacher to lead Class 2 from the start of the spring term. The closing date for applications is this Wednesday and any short-listed candidates will be interviewed during the following week. Part of the selection process will involve teaching Class 2 but we will try to minimise any disruption from the normal timetable.

Madeley Maths Sessions

Madeley High School has contacted us to confirm that their maths sessions will be running again this year. The high school has made it very clear that these additional classes are aimed at the most able mathematicians in Year 6 with the opportunity for gifted and talented Year 5 children to participate where possible. If Miss Manley and I feel that your child will benefit from the maths sessions we will write to you in a separate letter providing more details and asking for your consent.

Parents' Evenings - 18th and 19th October 2016

Time slots are filling up quickly so please book your appointment via Mrs Sellman in the office either by emailing or returning the form on last week's MOM. Appointments are scheduled for 10 minutes but if you feel you need longer please arrange a separate meeting to allow teachers to meet parents at their specified times.

I will be available on both evenings should any parents wish to speak to me directly and members of our Governing Body will also be present if you have any questions or issues you would like to raise.

Year 5 and 6 Science – Materials needed for Thursday 13th October

On Friday, in Science, all the children in year 5 and 6 were tasked with designing a model boat which was buoyant, could hold a small weight and be well streamlined.

The boats will form an investigation into water resistance and the effect of streamlining on it.

The children decided in their groups what materials they would need and allocated them out

between each other. They wrote on a post-it what material they would need to bring in for this week. Please



can you check with your child what material they agreed to bring in and ensure they bring into school by Thursday 13th October at the latest. The materials the children decided on should be junk/recycling items, you are not expected to go and buy anything. Thank you.

FOSMS News:



Quiz Night, Friday 21st October – Knighton Village Hall: It's fast approaching! A great night out and raises funds for the school. Tickets £7.50 each, includes a fish & chip supper. Grab your tickets before they go from the School Office or speak to one of the committee. Louise Darlington will be selling tickets on the playground at school pick-up time.



Bags2School: Don't forget we'll be doing a collection of old clothes and textiles just after half-term so clear out those cupboards!

Raffle prizes: We're always on the look out for raffle prizes for the Quiz Night - bottle of wine, chocolates, and toiletries - all gratefully received and help to raise more funds for the school to help fund enrichment activities for your children and keep the cost of school trips down. Many thanks to those who have already donated.

Calendar: A huge thank you to our volunteer photographer, Mark Smith. We'll be in touch soon about the photo shoot.

Charity Visit: During half term, Mrs Keen will be visiting 2 charities in Romania which support disadvantaged children and their families. They could make good use of SMALL simple games and educational toys for under 7's. If you have any to donate please pass them to Mrs Keen by the end of the week. Thank you.

C. Newman

Diary Dates

Please note key dates for this term, these are also available on our website. **(New dates are in blue)**



12 th October	9am Parent Voice – Mr Newman and Mr Bayfield
18 th October	Parents' Evening
19 th October	Parents' Evening
21 st October	FOSMS Quiz Night, 7.15pm Knighton Village Hall
24 th October	Half Term week
31 st October	INSET Day, staff only in school
16 th November	School Photographs – family shots from 8:30am
6 th December	Class 1 and Class 3 trip to Blists Hill Museum
8 th December	Nativity performance 2pm and 6.30pm
13 th December	FOSMS Chinese Banquet
14 th December	Christmas lunch, children only
15 th December	Children's party afternoon
16 th December	Last Day of term – Christmas jumper day and 2pm Carol Service in church, parents welcome
3 rd January 2017	First day of term
3 rd January 2017	Keele Space Dome in school