

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

Mail on Monday

12th September 2016



Dear Parents and Carers

It's our first full week in school after the long summer holiday and I have been very impressed with how brilliantly the children have settled back into the routines of school. A special mention must be made about the Reception children in Class One who have made the transition into our school seamlessly – Mrs Turner and Mrs Jackson have been blown away by just how wonderful and mature they have been! I am also settling into life at St Mary's and I have enjoyed getting to know the children and meeting their parents. Thank you to everyone for making me feel so welcome and I look forward to getting to know you all better over the coming weeks.

Arrangements for the start and the end of the day

I have received a lot of positive feedback about the changes that have been made but, just to clarify the new arrangements:

Mornings: from 8.45am please could children in Reception enter Class 1 through the gate at the left side of the building and all other children, including Year 1, enter through the main gate at the right side of school. To help the children settle down to work quickly, could parents please say goodbye to the children before they go through the side gate? If you would like to pass a message on to the class teachers then please see Mrs Sellman in the office.

Afternoons: the side gate will be opened at 3.05pm so that parents can wait for their children on the playground away from the carpark. The children will be led out at 3.15pm. Any children going to clubs will be collected from their classrooms and taken to the hall for a drink and a snack prior to their club starting. Thank you for your support.

High School Open Events

It is that time of year when the local High Schools begin to host open events for prospective pupils and their parents. Here are the details of some of the ones that we have been informed about:

- Madeley High School - Open Evening on Tuesday 2nd October (6.00pm or 7.15pm)
- Adams Grammar Open Week - Monday 26th September
- St John Fisher Catholic College - Tuesday 15th September (7.00 – 9.00pm)

Invitation to the Enthronement of the new Bishop of Lichfield

The school has been offered tickets for two adults and two children to attend this event on Saturday 24th September at 11.00am. If you would be interested in attending then please speak to Mrs Sellman - I will be meeting the Bishop at a separate event for Church of England School Headteachers.



Roald Dahl's Birthday!



Just to remind you that tomorrow (Tuesday 13th) it is Roald Dahl Day and that the children are invited to come to school dressed as a character from one of his brilliant books. We are having a special assembly and will take photographs for a display.

*As previously stated, the children do not need to bring any money into school and there is no need to provide an expensive costume; many of the characters are children so simple costumes would work brilliantly. For example, a girl wearing a dress, a headband and carrying a book could be Mathilda. A boy wearing old trousers, a jumper and carrying an empty chocolate bar wrapper could be Charlie Bucket. For more ideas look at the Roald Dahl 100 website <http://www.roalddahl.com/roalddahl100>

Class 3 Swimming Lessons – from Monday 19th September, Market Drayton Pool



Children in Class 3 will receive swimming lessons at 9am on Monday morning for the remainder of this half term. Please could children meet at Market Drayton Pool from 8.45am so they are ready to start their lesson promptly. Children will return to school via coach.

We realise that taking children to the pool can cause some parents problems so we are investigating various transport options to facilitate the process and will keep you up-dated if there are any changes to the transport arrangements as the term progresses.

Whole School Trip to a Multi-Faith Centre, Derby – Wednesday 28th September 2016

As a Church of England School it is part of our religious responsibility to ensure that our children have a knowledge and understanding of different religions and faiths.

To support this term's learning we will be taking the whole school to a 'Multi-faith Centre' in Derby and we will confirm more details in a letter over the next few days.



Children in Reception

Mrs Turner is encouraging children to be as independent as possible and would like parents to support this by asking their children to dress and undress themselves at home, for example when they are preparing for bed. This will enable children to develop the skills to change for P.E. themselves as the term progresses.

Thank you for your support.

C. Newman

Diary Dates

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



13 th September	Roald Dahl Day – children to dress as a character from a Roald Dahl book
19 th September	Class 3 children – swimming lessons at Market Drayton pool, Meet at the pool from 8.45am
28th September	Whole school visit to a 'Multi-faith Centre' in Derby – details to follow
7 th October	Harvest Festival and Reception children welcome - 2pm in church, parents welcome
18 th October	Parents' Evening
19 th October	Parents' Evening
24 th October	Half Term week
31 st October	INSET Day, staff only in school
16 th November	School Photographs
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

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