

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

Mail on Monday

16th January 2017



Dear Parents and Carers

What a busy week we had! Our appearance on Radio Stoke's 'Quiz Liz' went really well and the children were brilliant – John Acres, the presenter, couldn't believe that such a small group of children could generate such a great atmosphere! Thank you to everyone who has contacted me to say how much they enjoyed hearing us on the radio.

We were also visited by Jane Crouch, our advisor from Lichfield Diocese. As we are a Church of England school, the diocese likes to ensure that our children have a good understanding of the Christian ethos that underpins our curriculum. She met with several children and was extremely impressed by how articulate they were.

Snow

Thank you for your understanding last Friday. As you may know, several members of staff really struggled to get into school as the snowy weather brought with it the usual traffic chaos. I was pleased that we were able to remain open – both Miss Manley and I were able to get in before playtime – and am glad that things quickly got back to normal. Just imagine what it would be like if we had snow levels like they have in other countries!

Traffic Lights at the school entrance, Thursday 19th and Friday 20th January

Later this week (from 8.15am on Thursday and Friday), work will begin on repairs to the church wall. This work is being carried out by Newcastle Borough Council and will involve three-way traffic lights being put up at the junction adjacent to the church. This will, I'm afraid, cause some congestion around the school gates. Sanda and Jamie Friend have very kindly offered additional parking on their driveway to reduce the number of cars needing to access our carpark. Parents approaching school from the Knighton side of the village may find it easier to park in the Friend's driveway and walk to school via the 'forest school path' at the side of the church yard. The driveway is the final turning on the right before the church.



Football Competition, Thursday 9th February 2017



You will be aware from last week's MOM that we have been offered the opportunity for children from Years 4, 5 and 6 to take part in a 6-a-side football competition at the Power League facility adjacent to the Britannia Stadium in Stoke on 9th February. Ideally we need two adults and wondered if a parent would be available between 9:30am and 11:30am to accompany a member of staff and enable the children to attend the event. Thank you for your support.



FOSMS News

FOSMS Meeting: We hope as many parents as possible will attend the meeting in school at 3pm on Friday 20th January when voting will take place to elect a new chair person. Please see attached nomination form to enable as many parents as possible to vote - please return completed forms to the school office by morning of Friday 20th or come along to the meeting.

Chinese-themed lunch – Thursday 19th January 2017

On Thursday 19th January there will be a Chinese-themed lunch featuring 'sticky Chinese chicken drumsticks, a selection of vegetables and Asian slaw' as well as tropical fruit sponge and custard for dessert. Please pay via ParentPay in the usual way if you would like your child to participate in this special lunch.



Guide Dogs for the Blind – used stamps collection



Please could you save any used postage stamps as we will be collecting them for the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association. There will be a box in reception for you to put them in. Thank you.

Breakfast Club Questionnaires



Parents whose children attend Breakfast Club should have received a questionnaire asking for your views on the service provided. Please could you return the forms as soon as possible with your feedback. We welcome all comments to help us to improve the Breakfast Club provision.

Church and Community News:

Church Services:



A reminder of the Family Service on Sunday (22nd January at 11:15am) to which you are all warmly invited. Children from JAFFA will be taking part in the service.

To help us with planning, please let me know TODAY if possible if your children are able to take part: 07761446753 / deniseakeen@btinternet.com Thank you.

The Dorothy Clive Gardens – French Bread Baking Day, Saturday 25th March 2017

Philippe le Toquin will be holding a second bread baking course teaching people how to make croissants, pain au chocolat and French bread. The course takes place from 9:30am to 4pm and includes the provision of all ingredients, a recipe booklet and a light lunch for the cost of £50. Book early to avoid disappointment as the previous course sold out very quickly. Further details are attached.

C. Newman

Diary Dates

Please note key dates for this term, these are also available on our website.

(New dates are in blue)



17 th January 2017	Year 6 - R.E. lessons with Terry Williams
24 th January 2017	Year 6 - R.E. lessons with Terry Williams
27 th January 2017	Whole school trip to The New Victoria Theatre to see the Snow Queen
31 st January 2017	Year 6 - R.E. lessons with Terry Williams
7 th February 2017	Year 6 - R.E. lessons with Terry Williams
9 th February 2017	Reception and Year 6 height and weight checks by school nursing team
13 th February 2017	Parents Evening
14 th February 2017	Year 6 - R.E. lessons with Terry Williams
15 th February 2017	Parents Evening
17 th February 2017	Last day of the half term
27 th February 2017	Return to school