

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

## Mail on Monday

### 19<sup>th</sup> September 2016



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to everyone for the enthusiasm and passion shown during last week's Roald Dahl Day. The children looked fantastic in their costumes and enjoyed finding out more about the great author and his many books. A special mention should go to Mrs Jackson who painted herself blue and transformed herself into Violet Beauregarde for the day! There are lots of photos on display in the school entrance hall if you would like to take a look.

#### Whole School Trip to 'The Open Centre', Derby – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September



As part of our religious education responsibilities we are pleased to be able to give all children the opportunity to learn about different cultures and faiths via a trip to a 'multi-faith centre in Derby. During the day children will take part in various activities which will be tailored to their age group including listening to Jewish stories and music and food-tasting sessions. As detailed in the recent letter please could you ensure that all children wear trousers or leggings and have a suitable hat or scarf to cover their heads. All children will also need a disposable packed lunch.

#### Football Club, Tuesday Evenings – Shin-pads and Football Boots

Our coach, Ashley Hills, has agreed to run Football Club outside regardless of the weather. As the colder months approach Ashley has suggested that, where possible, children should wear boots with studs (not blades) and suitable outdoor clothing. He also suggests that children wear shin pads to prevent any injuries. Please could you ensure any pads or boots that are brought into school are clearly named. Thank you.



#### FOSMS (St. Mary's PTA) - Forthcoming Events

**Clear out your clutter!** The Friends of St Mary's (FOSMS for short), has organised a Bags2School collection for Monday 7th November. Bags2School.com is a textiles recycling company and they pay us by weight for the old clothes, textiles etc. we can collect. It's a great opportunity to clear out your cupboards over half-term, bag them up and drop them at school on the morning of the 7th and raise money for the school. The bags will be sent home in your child's book bag in the coming weeks with more details about the collection.

**Quiz night!** Save the date: Friday 21st October will be the FOSMS quiz night, a great way to celebrate the end of the first half term. This is a regular feature of our fundraising calendar and great fun: you don't need to be Mastermind, just come along for the friendly banter and the fish & chip supper. It's £7.50 per ticket and we compete in teams of four (we can help put you in teams so don't worry if you can't find a four). It's bring your own drinks and the fish & chips are included in the price of the ticket. More details to follow.

#### School Houses



Thank you for all your suggestions for suitable house names. Last week the children voted for their favourite and this year our theme will be the elements; Water, Fire and Air. Each week selected children will receive an 'Awesome Alchemist Award' for outstanding work or behavior.



A warm welcome awaits you at any of the services at  
**St Mary's Church, Muckleston: 11:15am every Sunday morning**  
**and 8:00am Holy Communion on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays**

The next **Family Service**, in which we invite the children from JAFFA to take part, will be **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 11:15am**.

Please join us if you can. For further information please contact Denise Keen:  
[deniseakeen@btinternet.com](mailto:deniseakeen@btinternet.com) / 07761446753

Please let me know as soon as possible if your child is able to take part. Thank you.

**Class 3 Swimming Lessons** – Thank you to parents who helped to transport children to the swimming pool for this morning's lesson. We understand that parents with more than one child are unable to take a child to the pool as well as one to school for 8:45am and are flexible in the time that children arrive at St Mary's. Children arriving a little late after taking a sibling to the pool will not be penalised. Please do let us know if the transport arrangements are proving difficult for your family and we will try to help where at all possible.



**C. Newman**

**Diary Dates**

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



13 <sup>th</sup> September	Roald Dahl Day – children to dress as a character from a Roald Dahl book
19 <sup>th</sup> September	Class 3 children – swimming lessons at Market Drayton pool, Meet at the pool from 8.45am
<b>28<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Whole school visit to a 'Multi-faith Centre' in Derby – details to follow</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Madeley High School Open Evening 6pm and 7pm</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival and Reception children welcome - 2pm in church, parents welcome
18 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening
19 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening
24 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term week
31 <sup>st</sup> October	INSET Day, staff only in school
16 <sup>th</sup> November	School Photographs
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Class 1 and Class 3 trip to Blists Hill Museum
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity performance 2pm and 6.30pm
13 <sup>th</sup> December	FOSMS Chinese Banquet
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch, children only
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Children's party afternoon
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of term – Christmas jumper day and 2pm Carol Service in church, parents welcome
3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2017	First day of term
3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2017	Keele Space Dome in school