

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

Mail on Tuesday
1st November 2016



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school after the half-term break. I hope that you were able to get out and enjoy the lovely autumn weather and that your children have 're-charged their batteries' ready for the rest of this term. As ever, November and December are busy times in the Primary School calendar and we are already preparing for such important dates as our nativity performances and the Christmas church service. We understand that the run up to Christmas can be a very exciting time for children and part of our job at this time of year is to balance the demands of the national curriculum with our duty as a Church of England Primary School to share the true meaning of the Christmas story – there will of course be some mince pies and wearing silly jumpers too!

Assessment for Parents – Tuesday 15th November, 6pm

On Tuesday 15th November at 6.00pm I will be holding a meeting in the school hall to share with you how our school will be assessing your children's progress in line with the demands of the new National Curriculum. As you are aware from previous letters, schools are now expected to introduce their own system for reporting progress against the new end-of-year expectations and I am very keen that parents should be kept as informed as possible about this process. We all want to achieve the very best for the children at St Mary's CE (A) Primary School and I strongly believe that the surest way to make sure that 'Every Day Matters' is to have school and parents working in partnership.

Parent Voice – next meeting, Wednesday 14th December 3:30pm

The next 'Parent Voice' meeting will take place in school on 14th December at 3.30pm. Steve Bayfield and I will be available in the hall to meet with you.

Charity of the Year



Children's Heart
Unit Fund

Congratulations to Nancy, Sophie and Ben who proposed the Children's Heart Unit Fund for our charity of the year. The children produced a great presentation for the whole school and were unanimously voted the winners. We look forward to supporting this worthwhile charity as the school year progresses

Poppy Appeal



Over the next few days we will be asking our Year 6 children to sell poppies at the start of the school day. If your child would like to buy a poppy to support the appeal we are suggesting a donation of 20p for a poppy and 50p for a wristband or reflector badge.

Reminder - Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for any parents, carers or grandparents who could spare some time to come into school and listen to children read. If you would like to help please let the school office know which days and times you would be available. Thank you for your support.



Well done to all who received Awesome Alchemist Awards:



Awesome Alchemist: Class 1 – Jonathan, Paddy, Keira, Will, Lacey and Ollie

Class 2 – Joe W, Emma

Class 3 – Jess, Ben G, Callum, William, Sophie, Ella, Leon,

Winning House: Fire

After School Clubs

Thank you to everyone who has already registered for after school clubs during this half term.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Netball Led by Street Kings UK Year 2 and above - £4	Mandarin Led by Picture Train All welcome - £4	JAFFA Led by Mrs Keen Mr Furnival & Mrs Thomas All welcome – no charge	Drama Led by Mrs Warrilow All welcome - £4	Multisports Led by ASM Sport All welcome - £4
Art from Nature Led by Mrs Newton Year 2 and below - £4	Football Led by Ashley Hill All welcome - £4 (children will be grouped by age)	Textile Magic Led by Mrs Goodwin All welcome - £4	Seasonal Cookery Led by Mrs Barber Year 5 and Year 6 - £4	Little Green Yoga Led by Lucy Green Year 3 and above - £4

We are very excited to be able to offer Mandarin on a Tuesday afternoon but need ten children to take part to ensure the club is viable. There are currently six children enrolled so we need a few more to enable it to take place next week. Please log on to ParentPay and register your child **by Friday 4th November** if you would like your child to take part.

FOSMS News:



Bag2School – Monday 7th November: Don't forget we'll be doing a collection of old clothes and textiles just after half-term so clear out those cupboards!



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Diary Dates

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



7 th November	Bag2School collection
15 th November	Assessment for Parents Meeting 6pm
16 th November	School Photographs – family shots from 8:30am
18 th November	Flu vaccination (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)
6 th December	Class 1 and Class 3 trip to Blits Hill Museum
8 th December	Nativity performance 2pm and 6.30pm
13 th December	FOSMS Chinese Banquet
14 th December	Parent Voice Meeting, 3.30pm
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