

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

Mail on Monday

21st November 2016



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to everyone who donated cakes and biscuits for our sale on Friday. The children enjoyed the event immensely and we raised £70 from the sale; a fantastic achievement for our small school. Well done to everyone for taking part.

As we draw nearer to the Christmas break we have another busy week planned. On Wednesday our 'marvellous mathematicians' will take part in Round 2 of the National Young Mathematician's Award in Stourbridge. We wish them lots of luck and will let you know whether we reach the grand final.

Slippery Path



The wet weather and falling leaves are making the path at the side of the school building quite slippery. We are aiming to sweep regularly and have some maintenance work planned to ease the problem but in the meantime please take care when collecting children from the playground at 3.15pm.

Christmas Trees from Hales Sawmills Ltd

This year Hales Sawmills has kindly agreed to donate a Christmas tree for our school reception area. They have also provided us with vouchers entitling parents to £2 off the price of a tree. Vouchers will be distributed to children later in the week.



Morning Drop Off

Although St Mary's is proud to be a school with an 'open door' policy and welcomes parental involvement please could you be mindful of the school environment and ensure that you leave your child at the classroom door each morning. Early morning work is integral to the start of the school day and we like to encourage children to settle quickly.

If you visit the school during the course of the day please ensure that you make Mrs Sellman aware in the school office so we can ensure our safeguarding of children is in line with Staffordshire County Council's policy.



FOSMS News

Chinese Banquet, 13th December: Tickets are selling very fast - if you want to come along to this event, one of our biggest fundraisers of the year, then do see Mrs Sellman in the office or contact Graham Sedgley. We're still looking for lots we can auction off so thinking caps on!



Hamper list: Thanks to everyone who has already signed up. We still have some slots left, such as box of crackers or jar of jam, so do please have a look at the whiteboard when you come to pick up your children at the end of the day. We pack up the donated items into beautiful hampers, full of booze and luxury food for a wonderful pre-Christmas basket of treats, which we then auction off at the Chinese Banquet.

Bags2School: Huge thanks to everyone who filled their bags. Your unwanted clothes and textiles raised £72...every little helps! Thank you.

Well done to all who received **Awesome Alchemist Awards**:



Awesome Alchemist: Class 1 – Tia, Orla and Grace

Class 2 – Dylan, Lily, Mia, Emma and Ryan

Class 3 – Alex, Grace, Fraya, Ashley, Sam, William and Oliver

Winning House: Air

Church News:



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

The next **Family Service**, in which we invite the children from JAFFA to take part, will be **Sunday 27th November at 11:15am**

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

C. Newman

Diary Dates

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



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	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