

St Mary's CE (A) Primary School, Muckleston
Mail on Monday
26th September 2016



Dear Parents and Carers

As we settle back into the routines of the new school term the summer holidays seem more and more like a very distant memory. The weather is also reminding us that we are firmly moving into autumn now and that the children will need to be coming to school with coats and warm jumpers. Another feature of the season is of course Harvest and we are looking forward to our service which will be held in the church at 2pm on Friday 7th October - further details below. It will be a time for us to welcome our new Reception children into our school community and to introduce them to the church and its teachings.

Part of our role as a Church of England school is to teach our children an awareness of other faiths so that they can make comparisons between them and Christianity. Our forthcoming educational visit to the Multi-faith Hub in Derby should give the children a real insight into other religions and I know that there is some real excitement about the trip. I will assure you that this visit has been very carefully planned by Mrs Keen in consultation with Mrs Turner and me and that the children's wellbeing is always our primary concern. For any children not participating in this trip alternative provision will be made in school which will include learning about other world religions.

Residential Visits It is the time of year when we need to book residential trips. As you will know, for the past few years both Classes 2 and 3 have enjoyed participating in residential visits to outdoor education centres. It has, however, been raised as a concern that this can be expensive, particularly for parents with several children in school. For this reason I would like to invite parents to share their views with us, either by emailing the office or by letter. We have provisionally booked a visit but we are prepared to consider all views before confirming it. Thank you for your help.

Gardening Club will go ahead each week regardless of the weather with a mix of indoor and outdoor activities. With the wetter weather there is more potential for the children getting dirty. If you would like your child to change clothes there is time for them to do so before club starts.



Clarinet Lessons – This term Mrs Gibson will provide clarinet tuition on Tuesday mornings. Please could you ensure that children have their instruments in school to enable them to take part in their lessons. Thank you.

Harvest Festival – Friday 7th October at 2pm, St Mary's Church Every year parents and children donate food for our harvest festival. This year we shall be supporting the Food Bank in Market Drayton. I have been in touch with the Food Bank and they have asked that we only bring canned, dried or packets of food. Please bring any donations into school on Friday 7th October so the children can take it to church for the service. Thank you for your support.



Swimming and Breakfast Club – During the weeks that Class 3 are swimming we are, unfortunately, unable to provide Breakfast Club for children in Classes 1 and 2. Parents who need to transport a child to the swimming pool as well as St Mary's will be able to leave children at school a little earlier in order to arrive at the pool in plenty of time.



FOSMS Quiz night – Friday 21st October 7.15pm, Knighton Village Hall

Tickets are now available for the quiz night - they cost £7.50 each and include a fish and chip supper. Bring your own drinks. Please contact the school office or Amy Hamdy if you would like to purchase tickets or need any help in putting together a team of four.

Well done to all who received Awesome Alchemist Awards:



Awesome Alchemist: Class 1 – Orla, Lorna, Lacey, Susan, Tom B, Will M, Bethany and William

Class 2 – Lucca, George Cerys and Jamie

Class 3 – Ben F, George, Sophie, Cameron and Emma J

Winning House: Fire

C. Newman

Diary Dates

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



28 th September	Whole school visit to a 'Multi-faith Centre' in Derby – details to follow
1st October	Newcastle under Lyme School Open Morning from 10am
5 th October	Madeley High School Open Evening 6pm and 7pm
6th October	Grove High School Open Evening 5.30pm to 8pm
6th October	Full Governors Meeting – parents welcome from 6:15pm to 6:30pm
7 th October	Harvest Festival and Reception children welcome - 2pm in church, parents welcome
18 th October	Parents' Evening
19 th October	Parents' Evening
21st October	FOSMS Quiz Night, 7.15pm Knighton Village Hall
24 th October	Half Term week
31 st October	INSET Day, staff only in school
16 th November	School Photographs – family shots from 8:30am
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