

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

## Mail on Monday

### 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back after the half term break, I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and you are looking forward to another busy, but exciting few weeks at St Mary's.

For those parents who may have missed the email before the half term break I would like to start by saying thank you again for all your kind wishes, cards and gifts following the birth of Isaac George, it is very much appreciated.

I am also proud to be celebrating our amazing performance at the recent Laser-tag competition held in Woodseaves. We entered two teams and came first and second, a fantastic result, well done to everyone who took part and thank you to the parents and Miss Manley who supported the event.

#### Shrove Tuesday – 10 House Points on offer!

Tomorrow's assembly will have the theme of Shrove Tuesday and I would like to challenge children to find out facts about the festival. I will award 10 house points to the child who is able to tell me what Shrove Tuesday is and why we celebrate it.



#### World Book Day – Thursday 2nd March 2017



To celebrate World Book Day this Thursday I would like all children to dress up as a character from their favourite **book**. I will be awarding a prize to a child from each class for the most imaginative costume.

This event is just for fun, there is no need to bring any money to school.

#### Car Park Safety

Several parents have expressed their concerns about the safety of our car park during busy periods at the start and end of the school day. Whilst we try to ease congestion through breakfast and after school clubs there are inevitably instances where the car park is busy. A small area is still cordoned off due to the wall collapse. We will keep you informed of progress. Please could we urge everyone to drive slowly whilst on the school premises and, where possible, reverse into a parking space to improve visibility when leaving. Thank you for your support.



#### Class 3 Boreatton Park Residential Trip – Second Instalment due by 1st March

Please can parents of children in Class 3 log on to ParentPay at their earliest convenience to pay the second instalment of £60 for the residential trip in July. Thank you.

#### After School Clubs

There are still places available at Street Dance, Lego and Yoga Clubs for this half term so please ensure you have booked your child's place via ParentPay as soon as possible. If the number of bookings does not increase these clubs will not be financially viable and we will be in the unfortunate position of needing to cancel them for the remaining weeks of the half term.

### Zimbe! Concert at Hugo Meynell – 7pm, Friday 17th March 2017

Peter Shone of the Loggerheads Community Choir is working with children from both St Mary's and Hugo Meynell on a concert of African music. This is a fabulous opportunity for our children to work with professional musicians, including a jazz orchestra. The rehearsals have sounded amazing and we are looking forward to singing alongside the pupils from Hugo Meynell. There will be a performance for parents to watch at 7pm and we will let you know more details as soon as we can.

### Stafford Gatehouse – Auditions for parts in The Tempest, Sunday 9th April 10am – 1pm.



Producers of Stafford Festival Shakespeare are looking for two youngsters to cast in this year's production of The Tempest at Stafford Castle, a number of other roles have also been made available for local female dancers.

SFS producers are looking to cast 6-8 females who are aged over 16 years old and have a mature appearance. The parts require good acting skills as well as a strong proficiency in tap and modern dance.

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

**Awesome Alchemist:** Class 1 – Orla, Jonathan, Annabelle, William and Keira  
Class 2 – Jamie, Nicole, Emma, Emily and Lucca  
Class 3 – Ashley, Kinley, Fraya, Sophie, George and Cameron



**Winning House:** Water



### FOSMS News

**Cake Sale** – A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the cake sale on the Friday before half term. There were lots of fabulous cakes and we raised £83 - a fantastic amount. We are already looking forward to the next event, details of which will follow shortly.



### Quiz Night – 7pm, Friday 24th March, Knighton Village Hall



Tickets are now on sale for our next quiz night and cost £8.50 including a fish and chip supper. Bring your own choice of tipple. It's teams of four, so why not invite family and friends, or pair up with other parents at the school gate? And if you don't have a four, don't worry - we can put people together. You can buy your tickets from Mrs Sellman in the school office and just speak to any of the other committee members for more information.

**Raffle prizes:** Quiz night always includes a raffle so we're on the hunt for raffle prizes. Useful prizes include bottles of wine, boxes of chocolates, toiletries etc. Just drop off your donation at the school office.

### Church and Community News:



You are warmly invited to a Pancake Party hosted by the Benefice on Saturday, 4th March from 4pm to 6 pm at the Chapter House, Ashley. **Advanced booking, by Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March is essential** - please contact Amanda Montandon on 07512 857 942 or at [beneficeyoungpeople@gmail.com](mailto:beneficeyoungpeople@gmail.com) to confirm your place. Please see the attached flyer for more details.



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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays  
However, this Sunday (5<sup>th</sup> March) there will be a

**Benefice Confirmation Service at St Paul's Church, Croxton at 2:00pm.**

We hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us to support some of our Year 6 pupils as they are confirmed by the Bishop of Stafford.



Please note that JAFFA will be held **in Church** until further notice after school on WEDNESDAY afternoons.

Please collect your children from the Church at 4:30pm

JAFFA is open to all children in the school

If your child will be attending for the first time please ensure you complete and return a registration form (available from the school office)

For further information please contact Denise Keen:

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**Christopher Newman**  
**Head Teacher**

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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)**

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 27 <sup>th</sup> February       | Return to school                                                                                      |
| <b>28<sup>th</sup> February</b> | <b>Shrovetide celebrations in school</b>                                                              |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>     | <b>World Book Day – children to dress up as their favourite book character</b>                        |
| 1st March                       | Madeley Maths                                                                                         |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> March           | Full Governing Body Meeting 6:15pm                                                                    |
| <b>17<sup>th</sup> March</b>    | <b>Zimbe Concert at Hugo Meynell – more details to follow soon</b>                                    |
| <b>18<sup>th</sup> March</b>    | <b>Drama Group performance at the Newcastle Speech and Language Festival – more details to follow</b> |
| <b>24<sup>th</sup> March</b>    | <b>FOSMS Quiz Night – 7pm Knighton Village Hall</b>                                                   |