

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

## Mail on Tuesday

### 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school after the Christmas holidays. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and wish everyone a Happy New Year. Firstly the staff would like to say a big thank you for all the cards and gifts they received.

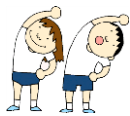
I would also like to welcome Rachel Brown to St Mary's. Rachel joins us as a full time teacher in Class 2 and we are all looking forward to working with her as the term progresses.

We have an exciting start to the term planned. The Keele University Space Dome has been in the hall today allowing all children to learn about life in our solar system, specifically planet Earth and on Friday our catering firm, Chartwells, will be joining us to lead a whole school assembly and various workshops with the theme of nutrition and eating healthily.

### Teaching in Class 3

In order to prepare for this year's SATS I will be assisting with the teaching of children in Class 3 during the morning sessions this term. Children will be taught in the hall to enable each year group to focus on the specific needs of the curriculum.

### P.E. Lessons this term



From next week PE will take place on a Tuesday so please could you ensure that your child's P.E. kit is in school in readiness. Lessons often take place outside so please include a warm top and jogging trousers or leggings whilst the weather is cold.

### Radio Stoke, 'Educating Peter' - Thursday 12th January

Children from Class 3 will be taking part in 'Educating Peter' next Thursday so tune in to Radio Stoke between 8:30 and 9am next Thursday to listen to the broadcast.



### Paternity Leave

As you will know my wife and I are expecting a baby at the end of this month so I will be taking two weeks paternity leave once the baby has arrived. The governors and I have plans to ensure that things continue to run smoothly in my absence and I will let you know more details over the coming weeks.

### After School Clubs

After school clubs will take place as usual from today. There are still limited spaces available in some clubs so please log on to ParentPay as soon as possible if you would like to make a booking for your child.

| Monday                             | Tuesday                              | Wednesday                           | Thursday                           | Friday                                       |
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| <b>Street Dance</b><br>All welcome | <b>Computing</b><br>Year 4 and above | <b>JAFFA</b><br>All welcome         | <b>Drama</b><br>All welcome        | <b>Multisports</b><br>All welcome            |
| <b>First Aid</b><br>Years 5 and 6  | <b>Football</b><br>All welcome       | <b>Textile Magic</b><br>All welcome | <b>Netball</b><br>Year 3 and above | <b>Little Green Yoga</b><br>Year 3 and above |



## FOSMS News

**Chinese Banquet:** A huge thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to this event. It was a fantastic evening which raised just short of £3,000; a tremendous effort for our small school. We would like to extend a special thank you to Graham Sedgley, without whom this event would not be possible.

**FOSMS Committee:** FOSMS chair Amy McLellan is stepping down due to a relocation so we're looking for a new chair and committee member. It's a great opportunity to get involved in school life, make a real difference to the school and have a good laugh along the way. The committee is really friendly, we do a lot of our communication via email to keep meetings to a minimum (although always open for a pint in a local pub) and we are lucky to get so much help and support from the wider community. If you're interested please speak to a member of the committee or the school office during the next couple of weeks. There will be a meeting mid-January (date to be confirmed) to finalise the membership.

**C. Newman**

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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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| 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2017   | First day of term   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2017   | Keele Space Dome in school  |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2017  | <a href="#">Radio Stoke. Educating Peter – Year 5 contribution</a>  |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> January 2017  | <a href="#">Year 6 - Confirmation Class, Terry Williams</a>         |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2017  | <a href="#">Year 6 - Confirmation Class, Terry Williams</a>         |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2017  | Whole school trip to The New Victoria Theatre to see the Snow Queen |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2017  | <a href="#">Year 6 - Confirmation Class, Terry Williams</a>         |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2017  | <a href="#">Year 6 - Confirmation Class, Terry Williams</a>         |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2017 | <a href="#">Year 6 - Confirmation Class, Terry Williams</a>         |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2017 | Last day of the half term   |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2017 | Return to school  |