

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

Mail on Monday
3rd October 2016



Dear Parents and Carers

Our visit to the Multi-faith Hub in Derby last week was a great success and the children were a real credit to you – the people at the Hub commented on their wonderful behaviour. The children enjoyed learning about the way in which people from other religions worship and were interested to see how their beliefs compare with those of Christianity. A special thanks must go to Mrs Keen who has put so much hard work into organising this trip.

On Friday afternoon we will be celebrating harvest with a special service at 2pm in the church. We would like to welcome all parents to join us, particularly the parents of the Reception children who will be presented with a book to officially welcome them into our school and church community. As in previous years we will be collecting goods to send to the local foodbank and these should be brought into school on Friday morning so that the children can carry them to church. Please only bring canned, dried or packets of food, not fresh produce to allow the Foodbank time to distribute it efficiently.



'Parent Voice' – 9am, Wednesday 12th October

Next Wednesday will see the first of our half-termly Parent Voice drop-in mornings where Mr Bayfield and I will be available in the hall between 9 and 10am to meet with you. I can appreciate that it often difficult for working parents to attend morning events so we will vary the times of Parent Voice drop-ins over the course of the school year.

Head Lice We are still receiving some reports of head lice within school. As you know this is a common problem in all schools but please could you be vigilant and check your child's hair for any bugs regularly. In the short term could any girls with long hair tie it back to prevent the lice spreading unnecessarily. Thank you.

Full Governing Body Meeting Thursday 6th October 2016:

As usual parents are welcome to attend the meeting between 6:15pm and 6:30pm if anyone would like to raise any issues or ask any questions. If you are unable to attend the meeting please forward any questions in writing by either emailing the school office or posting a letter in the white post box outside the Headteacher's office.

Parents' Evenings - 18th and 19th October 2016

Please complete the attached booking form and return via my white post box. Mrs Sellman is booking appointments this year and she will confirm your appointment time with you. Please let us know if you are unable to attend the open evenings and staff will arrange another time and date.



Your FOSMS committee 2016: Just a quick reminder of your FOSMS committee for this year, including the names of our children to aid identification! We're a friendly bunch and welcome any support you can offer. You can usually spot us lurking near the school gate and we're happy to answer any questions! Look out for **Amy Hamdy** (mum of Thomas in Class 1, Elliot in Class 2 and Maya in Class 3), **Katherine Braithwaite** (mum of Thomas in Reception and Joe in Class 2), **Richard**

Sellman (dad of Nicole in Class 2), **Philippe Le Toquin** (dad of Oliver in Class 3) and **Louise Darlington** (mum of Alex in Class 2 and Sophie & William in Class 3)

FOSMS Quiz night, Friday 21st October: It's time to buy your tickets! This is a great night out, with friendly quiz master Diane putting together eight rounds of questions, with something for everybody: you don't need to be a contender for Eggheads for our quizzes! The tickets are £7.50 and include a fish & chip supper (from Mandalay in Loggerheads). Bring your own choice of tittle. 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.

Parent power, photographer needed! In recent years the school has had a calendar, with pictures of the children, teachers, staff and school grounds. It's a beautiful reminder of the place your children spend so much time, a useful way to keep track of important events and a great Christmas present for grandparents, aunts and uncles. This year we're without a photographer so we wondered if any parents have a passion for photography and design? We need someone to take the photos (during the school day) and also help with layout and design so we can get the calendars printed in time for Christmas. If you have an eye for a great photo and would like to get involved, please do get in touch.



FOSMS Chinese Banquet Auction, Tuesday 13th December: Chinese Banquet is always a big fundraiser and tickets are going on sale soon - parents get first dibs on these before they are put on sale to the community after half-term. This is a great night out to kick-start the festive season. The evening always includes an auction and in previous years, this has included some amazing, some weird and some wacky lots, so put your thinking caps on...past examples include a flight for two, a day's shooting, tickets for a Premiership football match, a golf day, a load of logs, a baking masterclass, lambing at a local farm...Do let us know if you can contribute - it helps raise so much money for the school.



FOSMS Second Hand Uniform Stall Claire Furnival has very kindly offered to support FOSMS by running a second hand school uniform stall. If you have any items of uniform that you would like to donate please bring them into school. Once we have a sufficient amount Claire will hold a sale, either before or after school, to enable you to buy items of uniform. All proceeds will go to the FOSMS.

Well done to all who received Awesome Alchemist Awards:



Awesome Alchemist: Class 1 – Tia, Annabelle, Thomas H and Jonathan

Class 2 – Sophie, Sam, Emily and Nicole

Class 3 – Jessica, Leon, Lara, Maya, Billy and Emma

Winning House: Water

Loggerheads' Neighbourhood Plan - Latest news: Loggerheads Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Plan Group are holding a public meeting on Tuesday 18th October 2016 at 730pm at Hugo Meynell School to show residents what has gone into the Neighbourhood Plan which is now ready in draft form.

Come along and find out what the plan says and give us your views. If you can't make it you can still give us feedback. The plan and a feedback form will be on the Parish Council website www.loggerheadsparishcouncil.co.uk after the 18th.

C. Newman

Diary Dates

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



5 th October	Madeley High School Open Evening 6pm and 7pm
6 th October	Grove High School Open Evening 5.30pm to 8pm
6 th 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
12th October	9am Parent Voice – Mr Newman and Mr Bayfield
18 th October	Parents' Evening
19 th October	Parents' Evening
21 st 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
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Please tick your preferred appointment time slot to see your child's class teacher. If you are flexible you may tick more than one box.

Tuesday 18th October

Name of child/ children.....

Class 1		Class 2		Class 3	
2 pm – 3 pm					
3pm – 4pm		3.30 -4pm		3.30 -4pm	
4pm – 5pm		4 pm – 5pm		4 pm – 5pm	
5pm – 6pm		5pm – 6pm		5pm – 6pm	
Any		Any		Any	

Or Wednesday 19th October

Name of child/ children

Class 1		Class 2		Class 3	
3:30pm - 4pm		3.30 pm – 4pm		3.30 pm – 4pm	
4pm – 5pm		4pm – 5pm		4pm – 5pm	
5pm – 6pm		5pm – 6pm		5pm – 6pm	
6pm - 6:30pm		6pm - 6:30pm		6pm - 6:30pm	
Any		Any		Any	

Signed