

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

Mail on Wednesday

7th September 2016



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the new school year at St. Mary's, we all hope that you have had a great summer. As you know, this is my first newsletter as Headteacher and I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone who has made me feel so welcome and to say how excited I am to be taking up the role. I am sure that, with your ongoing support, our school will continue to thrive. The staff and I are certainly looking forward to the challenges of the new year and we have used some of our INSET time to explore the vision and values which help make St. Mary's such a special and well-loved school: more about this to follow over the coming weeks...

End of school arrangements

To ensure the safety of the children and to prevent congestion by the school office we have made the decision to change where the children will be dismissed from at the end of the school day. From today (Wednesday 7th September) the children will be led out on to the playground by their teachers where you will be able to collect them. The side gate will be opened at 3.05pm until 3:25pm so that you can wait for the children away from the carpark.

Those children attending after school clubs will go directly to the school hall and the children to be collected by Napeley Lodge will be collected from the foyer as usual.

Any children who have not been collected by 3.25pm will go back into school to wait in the foyer.

Start of School Arrangements

The arrival of children at school ran very smoothly this morning so we would like to continue with the same arrangements. From tomorrow morning please could children in Reception enter Class 1 through the gate at the left side of the building and all other children, including Year 1, enter through the main gate at the right side of school. Thank you for your support.

Roald Dahl's Birthday!



Next Tuesday it is Roald Dahl Day – the day on which the great man would have been 100! To celebrate we would like to invite the children to come to school dressed as a character from one of his brilliant books. We will mark the day with a special assembly and will take photographs for a display.

*Please note, the children do not need to bring any money into school and there is no need to provide an expensive costume; many of the characters are children so simple costumes would work brilliantly. For example, a girl wearing a dress, a headband and carrying a book could be Mathilda. A boy wearing old trousers, a jumper and carrying an empty chocolate bar wrapper could be Charlie Bucket. For more ideas look at the Roald Dahl 100 website <http://www.roalddahl.com/roalddahl100>

After School Clubs



We are really pleased that our new commitment to providing daily after school activities from the end of school until 4.30pm is now up and running. Special thanks should go to Mrs Keen for all of her hard work in organising this. A letter has gone out to all parents of children who have booked places on the clubs outlining the arrangements but, there are still a limited number of places available. Please enquire at the school office for further details.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Wildlife Club Led by Mrs Newton All welcome - £4	Gardening Led by Mrs Le Toquin & Mrs Letts All welcome - £4	JAFFA Led by Mrs Keen Mr Furnival & Mrs Thomas All welcome – no charge	Drama Led by Mrs Warrilow All welcome - £4	Multisports Led by ASM Sport All welcome - £4
French Led by Mrs Le Toquin Year 2 and below - £4	Football Led by Ashley Hill All welcome - £4	Textile Magic Led by Mrs Goodwin All welcome - £4	Maths4Fun Led by Mrs Keen Year 5 and 6 - £4	Little Green Yoga Led by Lucy Green Year 3 and above - £4

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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)**



13 th September	Roald Dahl Day – children to dress as a character from a Roald Dahl book
19 th September	Class 3 children – swimming lessons at Market Drayton pool, details to follow next week
7 th October	Harvest Festival and Reception children welcome - 2pm in church, parents welcome
18 th October	Parents' Evening
19 th October	Parents' Evening
24 th October	Half Term week
31 st October	INSET Day, staff only in school
16 th November	School Photographs
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