

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

Mail on Monday

9th January 2017



Dear Parents and Carers

We have certainly had an exciting start to the spring term and this week promises to be just as busy. Radio Stoke is visiting us on Thursday morning as children from Class 3 will be taking part in the 'Educating Peter' slot on the breakfast show. Tune in to hear our children at 8:40am and 8:50am.

New Lunch Menu from Monday 16th January 2017

On Friday children were given a copy of the new lunch menu which will start from next Monday, 16th January. For a short period of time Mrs Cartwright will aim to use the current stock from the existing menu so there may be some last minute changes to the published lunch choice. We appreciate your understanding during this change-over period.

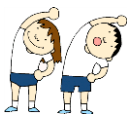
On Thursday 19th January there will be a Chinese-themed lunch featuring 'sticky Chinese chicken drumsticks, a selection of vegetables and Asian slaw as well as tropical fruit sponge and custard for dessert. Please pay via ParentPay in the usual way if you would like your child to participate in this special lunch.



Arrival at School

Now we are at the start of the spring term I would like all children, including those in Class 1, to enter school to the right of the building through the gate by the school office. Parents may walk children to the playground but we would like to encourage them to enter the school building on their own. This will enable the younger children to gain more independence and begin their morning activities promptly from 8:45am. If you have any messages please bring them to the school office; if you would like to speak to the class teachers this can be arranged at a suitable time later in the day. Thank you for your support.

Tuesday - P.E. Lessons



Following P.E. on a Tuesday children will be sent home in their P.E. kit to maximise the amount of time they are able to spend participating in activities with ASM Sports. Lessons will take place outside where possible so please include a warm top and jogging trousers or leggings whilst the weather is cold.

R.E. Classes

From tomorrow our new Rector, Terry Williams, will be in school for Year 6 R.E. lessons. The theme of this term's learning is 'belonging' and, as part of this, children will be offered the opportunity to take confirmation classes in church should you wish them to do so. More details will follow over the coming weeks.



FOSMS News

FOSMS Meeting: Friends of St Mary's School will be holding a meeting at school at 3pm on Friday 20th January to vote on a new chair person. Everyone is welcome - there's no obligation to sign up to anything, we love to hear your views and get your input. Please see attached nomination form to enable as many parents as possible to vote - please return completed forms to the school office by morning of Friday 20th or come along to the meeting.

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



Please ensure all children in Class 3 have returned their consent forms to allow them to take part in the program by Wednesday morning at the latest. Thank you.

Football Competition, Thursday 9th February 2017

Attention all budding football managers! We have been offered the opportunity for children from Years 4, 5 and 6 to take part in a 6-a-side football competition at the Power League facility adjacent to the Britannia Stadium in Stoke. Unfortunately, I am unable to accompany the children on 9th February but would still like the children to take part. If you are able to help between 9:30am and 11:30am on this day please let me know. Thank you for your support.

Guide Dogs for the Blind – used stamps collection



Please could you save any used postage stamps as we will be collecting them for the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association. There will be a box in reception for you to put them in. Thank you.

Church and Community News:

Candle collection boxes for the Children's Society

Thank you to everyone who made donations to this charity last term – if you would still like to make a donation, the children can bring boxes back into school, or to the Family Service on Sunday. Thank you.

Church Services: Please let Denise Keen know if your child is able to take part using the reply slip attached to this week's MOM as soon as possible.



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 2nd and 4th Sundays**

Next Sunday (15th January) 11:15am will be a Family Eucharist. This is a monthly, more modern, service of Holy Communion which we invite the teenagers to take part in.

The next Family Service, in which we invite the children from JAFFA to take part, will be Sunday 22nd January at 11:15am.

Please join us if you can. For further information please contact Denise Keen:
deniseakeen@btinternet.com / 07761446753

Please let me know as soon as possible if your child is able to take part. Thank you.

C. Newman

Diary Dates

Please note key dates for this term, these are also available on our website.

(New dates are in blue)



12 th January 2017	Radio Stoke. Educating Peter – Year 5 contribution
17 th January 2017	Year 6 - R.E. lessons with Terry Williams
24 th January 2017	Year 6 - R.E. lessons with Terry Williams
27 th January 2017	Whole school trip to The New Victoria Theatre to see the Snow Queen
31 st January 2017	Year 6 - R.E. lessons with Terry Williams
7 th February 2017	Year 6 - R.E. lessons with Terry Williams
14 th February 2017	Year 6 - R.E. lessons with Terry Williams
17 th February 2017	Last day of the half term
27 th February 2017	Return to school