

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

Mail on Monday

15th January 2018



Dear Parents and Carers

We are entering the period where Year 6 children begin to prepare for their SATS tests which take place in May. As you will know from previous years, it is at this time of year when the Headteacher has used their teaching time to support the children. This year we are in the fortunate position of being able to ask Mr. Young to work an extra day in Class 3 (Thursdays) allowing me to work with the Year 6 pupils. A feature of this year will be a greater focus on small group work in which specific skills can be addressed. I will also be using some of my office time on Tuesdays to work with groups. Later this term Mr Young and I will also be offering SATs 'study' clubs – dates to be confirmed.

However, it is not just the Year 6 children who will be completing SATs assessments and at Parents' Evenings (w/c. 12th February) the parents of children in Year 2 and Year 6 will be receiving study guides which they can use to support their home learning.

Academic achievement is important to us but we firmly believe that the children should not feel 'stressed' by the statutory assessments. Indeed, it is my view that children do better when they feel confident and relaxed. We will prepare the children fully for whatever the tests may bring and would ask you to reassure your child that these assessments are just one part of their school year. Teacher assessment of work in class is equally important as is an enjoyment of a broad and varied curriculum.

Help please!



As you know we borrowed staging from Hugo Meynell to use for our Nativity performance at Christmas. In order to return it we would be very grateful if someone with a pick-up truck or van would be able to help us to transport it. If you are able to help please speak to me, or Mrs Sellman to arrange a suitable time. Thank you very much for your help.

Violin Tuition

I am pleased to confirm that Entrust have confirmed the cost of violin tuition for those children who opted to continue with weekly lessons each Friday. The total cost per child for the remainder of the academic year is £50. This equates to less than £2.20 per session which I'm sure you will agree offers great value for money. Please could you log onto ParentPay at your earliest convenience to make your payment. Thank you.



Class 3 Residential Trip to Laches Wood – 25th to 29th June 2018

Further to recent communications the £75 deposit is now due for all children in Class 3 who will be taking part in the residential trip during the summer term. Further payments of £100 are required by 28th March and also 31st May. If, however, you would prefer to pay smaller amounts more regularly the payments will be deducted from your balance on ParentPay. Please ensure that the total amount of £275 is paid by 31st May. Thank you.

Parents' Evenings – Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th February



Parents' Evenings provide you with an opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and discuss any questions or concerns you may have with them as well as receiving an update on their progress so far. You will be allocated 10 minutes with your child's class teacher so please complete the attached form to indicate your preferred time slot and we will do our utmost to meet your needs. If you feel you need more than 10 minutes then please make an appointment to see your child's teacher on another day.

For children who have a different teacher for maths, please only make an appointment with your child's class teacher as they will be able to up-date you with your child's progress. Again if you feel you would like to make a separate appointment please contact Mrs Sellman who will arrange a suitable time. Please do not leave your child unattended during the evenings. Mrs Dicks will be looking after children in the school hall from 4pm **on Tuesday only** so if you require childcare please make an appointment to accommodate this. Thank you.

Well done to all who received Marvellous Monarch Awards:



Marvellous Monarchs:

Class 1 – Jude, Tom B, Jensen, Skye, Luke and Ned

Class 2 – Nate, Orla, George Simpson, Alex D, Joe, Annabelle and Lucca

Class 3 – Billy, Nicole, Sophie D, Alex, Mia, Kinley, Olly and Leon

Winning House: Stuart

Church and Community News



Thank you to all those who filled and returned the candle collecting boxes following the Christingle Service last term.

Just a reminder, that, if your box is still at home, it is not too late to return it!

We will be sending off our donations to the work of the Children's Society at the end of the week – please leave yours in the School Office.

Christopher Newman
Head Teacher



Diary Dates

Please note key dates for this half term. (New dates are in blue)



23 rd January	Full Governing Body meeting – parents welcome from 6.15pm to 6.30pm
12 th February	Parents' Evening – no childcare provision
13 th February	Parents' Evening – childcare <i>for children in school only</i> will kindly be provided by Mrs Dicks
16 th February	Last day
19 th – 23 rd February	Half Term holiday
26 th February	Return to school

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Parents' Evenings – 12th and 13th February 2018

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.

Monday 12th February Name of child/ children.....

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

Or Wednesday 13th February

Name of child/ children

Class 1		Class 2		Class 3	
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