

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

## Mail on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018



Dear Parents and Carers

Following the letter that I wrote last week regarding safety on our school car park I would like to thank you for the support I have received and willingness to make changes that ensure it remains open for everyone to use. Several parents made further suggestions to improve matters and the Governors and I will continue to review the situation over the coming weeks.

### IPads arrive at St Mary's!



Last week St Mary's was excited to have 15 iPads installed in Class 2. Staff are currently working hard on ways to embed their usage into the curriculum across all age groups and the children are very excited to get started.

The installation represents an unprecedented investment in the I.T. provision for our children and I would like to say a huge 'thank you' to the FOSMS team for their hard work over the past few years enabling the funds to be made available as well as everyone who supported the project. I look forward to sharing ways in which the iPads are being used over the coming weeks.

### Mathletics

All children in Class 2 and Class 3 now have full access to the online maths resource, Mathletics. We are using this resource in school to complement the maths topics we are working on and each child also has log on details in their Home-school Diary or Reading Record to enable them to access the program at home. I would encourage you to use Mathletics to support your child's learning when possible as it is an excellent tool to improve basic maths skills.



### Reception – Shrove Tuesday



Children in Reception will be sampling pancakes during R.E. tomorrow as it is Shrove Tuesday. The pancakes are pre-made so we will not be using any raw ingredients but please let the school office know tomorrow morning if you would not like your child to take part. Thank you.

### After School Clubs - from 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Gymnastics</b> Led by Premier Sport  All welcome - £4  Max 20	<b>Zumba</b> Led by Premier Sports  All welcome - £4  Max 20	<b>JAFFA</b> Led by Mrs Keen Mr Furnival & Mrs Thomas  All welcome – no charge as the cost is met by St Mary's Church, the club being seen as a 'mid-week Sunday School'	<b>Drama</b> Led by Mrs Warrilow  All welcome - £4	<b>Cricket</b> Led by Woore Cricket Club  For Year 2 and under - £4  Max 8
<b>Craft Club</b> Led by Mrs McGowan  All welcome - £4	<b>Animation</b> Led by Picture Train  For Y3 and above - £4  Min 12			<b>Maths4Fun</b> (including Mathletics) Led by Mrs Keen  Year 3 and above - £4
	<b>SATS Booster – Maths</b> Led by Mr Young  Year 6 only (parents encouraged to attend) No charge	<b>SATS Busting</b> Led by Mr Newman  Year 6 only (parents encouraged to attend) No charge		

After School Clubs for next half term are now live on ParentPay. As usual some clubs will have limited availability so spaces will be allocated on a 'first come first served' basis from the payments made online. Please log on at your earliest convenience to book your child's place. Thank you.

### Breakfast Club Survey

Thank you to all parents who took the time to complete the recent Breakfast Club survey. Mrs Dicks and Mrs Jackson are always seeking ways to improve our morning service and your comments are invaluable in helping us to do this.



### Roblox – use with caution

You may have seen the recent news coverage on the online game called 'Roblox', linking it to online grooming. Please ensure that you are vigilant if your child is playing this game and ensure they are supervised as appropriate.

### Well done to all who received Marvellous Monarch Awards:



#### Marvellous Monarchs:

Class 1 – Ollie, Jack, Paddy, Will and Gracie

Class 2 – Dylan, Belle, Brucie, Joe B, Ryan, Isobel and Alex

Class 3 – Cameron, Maxim, Ben, Jake, Chris, Sophie D and Nicole

**Winning House:** Tudor

### Church and Community News

**Messy Church** - Thanks to all those who made our first Messy Church session such a success. Our next session will be at Hugo Meynell from 4 – 6pm on **Saturday, 24th February** (free entry). Children, parents, grandparents, cousins, aunts and uncles are all warmly invited to attend this event! There will be a craft workshop for children of all ages and their parents followed by a short celebration and food. Come and spend quality time together bonding over shared activities which we will organise, prepare and clear away. Further events will follow on the last weekend of every month.



I hope you all have a great half term break and look forward to welcoming you back to St Mary's on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> February.

**Christopher Newman**  
Head Teacher

### Diary Dates

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



12 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents' Evening – no childcare provision
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents' Evening – childcare <i>for children in school only</i> will kindly be provided by Mrs Dicks
16 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day
19 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Half Term holiday
26 <sup>th</sup> February	Return to school
1 <sup>st</sup> March	World Book Day – more details to follow
11 <sup>th</sup> March	Mothers' Day Service 11.15am
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Drama Group competing at the Newcastle Speech and Drama Festival

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