

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

Mail on Monday

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Dear Parents and Carers

Last week Steve Bayfield, Chair of Governors, and I wrote a letter to you all regarding St Mary's '2020 Vision.' This is an exciting project that will define the goals and values that will be used to scope our future for the next decade and beyond. We have never under-taken a project of this nature before and I would encourage you to join the meeting to have your say – this is your school and your views are important. The meeting takes place in the school hall at 3:15pm on Wednesday and I look forward to seeing you there to hear your views and begin this exciting journey.

Year 6 SATS Booster Session – POSTPONED from Wednesday 14th March to Thursday 15th March

Due to the '2020 Vision' meeting the Year 6 SATS booster session which was planned to take place on Wednesday will be held on **Thursday** this week instead.

Mr Young's SATS session will take place on Tuesday as usual.

Drama Club – Newcastle Festival of Music, Speech and Drama, 11:10am Saturday 17th March

Parents whose children attend Drama Club should have received a letter regarding the children's performance at this year's competition. Please could children arrive, wearing their school uniform, at Newcastle College for 11:10am on Saturday morning to allow the group to register before performing at 11:40am. The event should only last around 20 minutes. Good luck to all our children taking part.



Class 1 – Creation of an Easter Garden, Thursday 22nd March



As part of our school's Easter celebrations children in Class 1 will be creating an Easter Garden which will be displayed in church and feature in our end of term church service.

In order to create the garden we would be grateful for any donations of suitable materials, for example, tomb-shaped stones, grass seeds or artificial grass. If you have anything that you think may be useful please could you bring them to school by Thursday 22nd March. Thank you for your support.

Reception – Individual Easter Gardens, Tuesday 27th March

In addition to the Easter Garden Class 1 are making for the school children in Reception will be building their own garden during their R.E. sessions. Please could you search at home for any materials which you think could be useful e.g. a foil tray to build the garden in, small stones, artificial grass etc. Than you very much.

Well done to all who received Marvellous Monarch Awards:



Marvellous Monarchs:

Class 1 – Finn, Macy and Jude

Class 2 – Joe W, Keira, Isobel, Yvee, Ned and Jonathan

Class 3 – Emma J, Maxim, Mia and Chris

Winning House: Tudor

Class 2 – Swimming Lessons, 2-3pm from Wednesday 18th April to 23rd May at Market Drayton Pool



All children in Class 2 will be receiving swimming lessons from the first week of next half term. Children will be transported to the pool via coach but, as they will finish so close to the end of the school day, please could I ask as many parents as possible to collect their child from the pool. Children who attend an After School Club on a Wednesday will be transported back to school by a member of staff or parent volunteer. Please could you contact the school office if you are able to help with the return journey. Thank you very much.

Church and Community News

FOSMS Disco! On Friday, 23rd March (5:45pm to 7:15pm) FOSMS will be hosting a disco at Ashley Memorial Hall. There will be a DJ playing some floor-filling tunes and a tuck shop selling sweets and drinks. The event will be supervised by the FOSMS' committee but parents are very welcome to stay. Entry to the disco will cost £3.50 and a letter containing more details will be sent home tomorrow.



'The Time Stealers' – Debut Album Launch at the Artisan Tap, 3pm Sunday 25th March



Mrs Hollinshead-Bland, our guitar and ukulele teacher is a member of a band called 'The Time Stealers.' The band will be launching their debut album at the Artisan Tap, Hartshill at 3pm on Sunday, 25th March. If you would like an afternoon of great music in lovely surroundings please go along and support her.

Oak Tree Dance Studio – Cosmic Dancer Show, 7th and 8th April

Several children from St Mary's will be performing in a dance show at the start of April. Tickets cost £8.50 and are available from the Festival Centre in Market Drayton.

Dorothy Clive Garden – Forthcoming workshops

Attached to this week's newsletter are details of the workshops taking place at the Dorothy Clive Gardens over the next few months. These include a bread-making course with Philippe Le Toquin as well as other exciting events. Please contact the gardens for more details.

Christopher Newman
Head Teacher



Diary Dates

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



17 th March	Drama Group competing at the Newcastle Speech and Drama Festival, 11.10am
Date TBC	SATS information meeting for parents with children in Year 2 and Year 6
21 st March	Full Governors' meeting – parents welcome from 6.15pm to 6.30pm
23rd March	FOSMS Disco, 5:45pm to 7:15pm at Ashley Memorial Hall
29 th March	Last Day of term
29th March	2.30pm Whole School Easter Church Service, parents and carers welcome to attend
12 th and 13 th April	INSET Days – Staff only in school
16 th April	First day of the Summer Term – Staff and children in school
18th April to 23rd May	Class 2 – Swimming lessons for children in Class 2

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