

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

## Mail on Monday

### 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018



Dear Parents and Carers

I hope everyone had a restful half term break and that you are looking forward to a busy few weeks at St Mary's in the run up to Easter.

As you may have seen, we start the week with a severe weather warning and a forecast of cold and snowy conditions for the next few days. Although we are unable to pre-empt any disruption at school we have taken measures to ensure that we are able to deal with the situation accordingly.

If the weather is bad enough to cause St Mary's to close we will follow the usual procedures and inform parents as early in the morning as possible. If it snows heavily during the day we will call parents to provide the option of collecting children early.

We will try to ensure that After School Clubs run as normal but, if a provider is unable to travel due to the weather, it may be necessary to cancel clubs at short notice but we will try to minimise any inconvenience.

We are all excited about the activities planned for World Book Day on Thursday and we will go ahead with these unless school is closed. If your child has a costume that is not necessarily suited to cold weather please provide them with a change of clothes to ensure they are comfortable for the duration of the school day. If the decision needs to be taken to close St Mary's on World Book Day we will rearrange it to ensure it takes place at another time.

As always our priority is the health and safety of our children so please do not worry if you are running a little late due to increased journey times as the registers will be kept open for longer each morning so your child will not be given a late mark.

#### World Book Day – Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018



To celebrate World Book Day I would like all children to dress up as a character from their **favourite book**. I will be awarding a prize to a child from each class for the most imaginative costume. This event is just for fun, there is no need to bring any money to school.

#### 'Twensafe' – All children in Years 5 and 6

Marie Shaw, an Education Welfare Worker from Staffordshire County Council will visit school each Wednesday during this half term to work with all children in Years 5 and 6. Marie will deliver the 'Twensafe' programme to the children teaching them about topics including: E-Safety, Bullying, Building Healthy Relationships, Awareness of online Grooming & the importance of having a Positive Body Image.

The content of these sessions is specifically designed for Year 5 and 6 pupils and is aimed at equipping them with the knowledge they need to stay safe; both online and as they grow up.

#### Safeguarding Level 1 Training – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 3pm to 5pm

Insight HR will be delivering Safeguarding Level 1 training in school this Thursday and are able to offer several places to members of our school community who may find it useful. Please let the school office know if you would like to attend the session.

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

Thank you to everyone who has registered their child for After School Clubs via ParentPay. There are still spaces available in some clubs so please log onto to ParentPay as soon as possible if you would like your child to join an activity this half term.

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 – <b>no charge</b> 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  <b>For Year 2 and under - £4</b>  Max 8
<b>Craft Club</b> Led by Mrs McGowan  All welcome - £4	<b>Animation</b> <b>Led by Picture Train</b>  For Y3 and above - £4  Min 12			<b>Maths4Fun</b> (including Mathsletics) Led by Mrs Keen  Year 3 and above - £4
	<b>SATS Booster – Maths</b> Led by Mr Young  Year 6 only No charge	<b>SATS Busting</b> Led by Mr Newman  Year 6 only (parents encouraged to attend) No charge		

The SATS booster clubs each Tuesday and Wednesday are for children in Year 6 only and parents are warmly invited to attend the session on a Wednesday afternoon as I will be providing tips on how you can help prepare your child for the tests at home.

### Animation Club - tomorrow

Animation will go ahead as planned but, unfortunately Picture Train are unable to run the club tomorrow meaning it will start on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March instead.

Children who are booked into this club are welcome to attend Zumba tomorrow or, alternatively, please let the school office know if you would like to be refunded for the session.

### Drama Club – Newcastle Festival of Speech and Language, Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March

As in previous years children who attend Drama Club this half term will be taking part in the Newcastle Festival. St Mary's has won their category at this prestigious event for the last four years and it is a fabulous opportunity for us to take part in a local event. Please could parents with children in Drama Club 'save the date' as more details will follow soon.

### St Mary's School Vision – 3.15pm, Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Our Governing Body are currently working to refresh St Mary's vision for the future. Integral to this is the views of all our stakeholders including parents, staff, children and members of our wider church community. Please let me or the school office know if you would like to be involved in the short meeting that will take place on 7<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you for your support.

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



#### Marvellous Monarchs:

Class 1 – Jude, Finn, Jack, Dylan, Luke, Bethany, Macey, Gracie, Paddy, Tom, Skye

Class 2 – Nate, Martha, Isobel, Annabelle, Belle, Susan and Yvee

Class 3 – Emily, Callum, Ben, William, Ashley, Jake, Cameron, George, Billy, Alex and Oliver

**Winning House:** Tudor

## Church and Community News

### Mothers' Day Service – 11.15am on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March

As usual we will be celebrating Mothers' Day with a church service led by children from JAFFA on Mothering Sunday. Each child will make a small posie of flowers the day before which will be presented during the service. On behalf of St Mary's and the church community I warmly invite all parents and carers to attend this service which is always one of celebration.



### FOSMS Film Night – Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> March TBC

The FOSMS team would like to host a film night for all children - the date is pencilled in for next Thursday afternoon. Children will be voting for the film they would like to watch later this week. There will be a small charge as well as the opportunity for children to buy popcorn and a drink.

Please could you let a member of the FOSMS team know if you are able to help during the event. Thank you.

**Details will be confirmed in an email later this week.**

### FOSMS Easter Disco – Date TBC

The FOSMS team would like to hold an Easter disco before the end of term and are looking for a suitable DJ to host the event.

If you know anyone who is able to help please let a member of the FOSMS team know. Thank you.

**Christopher Newman**

**Head Teacher**

### Diary Dates

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



26 <sup>th</sup> February	Return to school
1 <sup>st</sup> March	World Book Day
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
Date TBC	SATS information meeting for parents with children in Year 2 and Year 6

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