

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

Mail on Monday

5th March 2018



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to everyone who made such an effort with costumes for World Book Day last week. We had a fabulous day based around literature and reading with lots of fun activities for the children. These included children in Class 3 writing and illustrating a story before reading them to children in Class 1.

It was very difficult to pick the most imaginative costumes from each class but congratulations to Ben, Tom and Yvee who were this year's winners.

There are more photos of the children and staff in their costumes in the school entrance hall and on our Facebook page if you would like to take a look.



St Mary's School Vision – Meeting postponed – more details to follow

We are due to start an exciting new project within St Mary's as the Governing Body and I begin to scope our vision for the future. The initial stages of the project require input from as many different stakeholders as possible including parents, children, staff and governors. The first meeting was due to take place this Wednesday but, due to the disruption caused by the adverse weather last week, we have taken the decision to postpone it.

You will receive a letter in the next few days with more details but I would encourage as many parents as possible to take this opportunity to be involved in shaping your child's school for future years.

FOSMS Film Night – Thursday, 8th March CANCELLED

Unfortunately the film night that was planned for this Thursday is cancelled as the school hall is needed for Safeguarding Training which was postponed due to last week's snowy weather.

We are still able to offer several places to members of our school community who may find the training useful so please let the school office know if you would like to attend the session.

Class 3 – Tea, Cake and Poetry, 3.15pm Friday 9th March



This week children in Class 3 will be writing poems themed around Mothering Sunday and on Friday afternoon they will be given the opportunity to perform their poem for the rest of the class.

Mr Young and I warmly invite mums (and dads!) to share this experience and, as it Mothers' Day on Sunday, we will be celebrating the occasion with tea and cake provided by Mrs Cartwright. I hope as many people as possible will be able to join us.

Year 4 – Tennis at Maurice Chandler, Wednesday afternoons this half term

Each Wednesday afternoon for the remainder of this half term Mr Young will be taking all children in Year 4 to the Maurice Chandler Sports Centre to play tennis. Children will leave school at 1pm and return for the end of the school day. They will be transported to and from the centre by a member of staff or parent volunteer and will need to wear their school P.E. kit.

Please let the school office know by tomorrow afternoon at the latest if you do not wish your child to take part in the activity. Thank you.



Church and Community News

Mothers' Day Service – 11.15am on Sunday 11th 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.

The note from Mrs Keen that was emailed last week is below – please could you reply by tomorrow lunchtime confirming whether your child will be able to take part. Thank you for your support.

Mothering Sunday Family Service

A Family Service celebrating Mothering Sunday, in which children from JAFFA will be taking part, will be held on **Sunday 11th March at 11:15**. A very warm welcome is extended to all.



As this is a special celebration, **all children in the school are invited to take part** and we will be holding some practises during the school day, as well as at JAFFA, to ensure that everyone is able to join in. (Those children would also be very welcome to attend JAFFA on Wednesday 7th while we prepare for the service.)

To help us with planning, please email the school office to confirm that your child is able to take part/ or complete the attached slip and return by start of school on **Monday 5th March**.

If you need any more information please contact me direct: 07761446753/deniseakeen@btinternet.com

Thank you, Denise Keen

Christopher Newman

Head Teacher



Diary Dates

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



11 th March	Mothers' Day Service 11.15am
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
21st March	Full Governors' meeting – parents welcome from 6.15pm to 6.30pm
29th March	Last Day of term
12th and 13th April	INSET Days – Staff only in school
16th April	First day of the Summer Term – Staff and children in school

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