



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

## Mail on Monday

### 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you everyone for my warm welcome to St Mary's Primary School. With the sun shining and the daffodils in bloom in the school grounds, I commence the Summer Term as your Headteacher. I am looking forward to continuing the excellent leadership of our church school, to ensure all children receive an outstanding education. I would like to remind you of our open door policy, please do not hesitate to contact me, to discuss any issues you may have. I look forward to getting to know the staff and children, as I settle into my new post.

As part of our Christian distinctiveness at St Mary's we explore a Christian value each half term. Our value for this half term is 'perseverance'. The children will develop a greater understanding of perseverance through collective worship, RE and PHSE. We encourage the children to think about how this value assists us in school and home life. We read scriptures from the Bible to develop a deeper understanding also. When children demonstrate qualities related to being determined and persevering, they will be awarded with special stickers and the perseverance lamb is taken with them into class for a short while.

#### Dodgeball Competition Success

Very well done to the children who made it through to the quarter finals of the inter-schools 'Dodgeball Competition' held at the end of last term. Thank you to all of the parents who transported the children and supported us. Well done Oliver, Nicole, Jamie, Billy, Leon, George W and Emma F.

#### Welcome to Miss Ward

This term we welcome Miss Ward, a student teacher in her final year of a Bed course at Wolverhampton University, to St Mary's. Miss Ward will complete her placement in Class 2 supporting Miss Manley. I would like to welcome her to St Mary's and hope she enjoys her time with us.

#### Years 5 and 6 – Photograph Required for Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> April

In readiness for our Science lesson on Friday, could children in Years 5 and 6 bring in a photograph of when they were a baby or a photograph taken when they were younger. Our theme is 'The Human Species' and this week we will be exploring how humans develop and change over time. I will try to find one too! Thanks Mrs Hill.

#### After School Clubs – Summer Term 1

Thank you to everyone who has already registered their child for clubs via ParentPay. Spaces in some clubs are limited and will be allocated on a 'first come, first served basis' so please ensure you log on to ParentPay at your earliest convenience if you would like your child to attend a club this half term.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Craft Club</b> Led by Mrs McGowan  All welcome - £4	<b>Bubbles</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>Musical Theatre</b> Led by Miss Warrilow  All welcome - £4  Children will work on a production of 'Matilda' based on the novel by Roald Dahl	<b>Tennis</b> Led by Woore Tennis Club Coach – Mr Jones  For Year 3 and under - £4  Max 8
<b>Rounders</b> Led by Premier Sports  All welcome - £4  Max 20	<b>Gardening</b> Led by Mrs Letts & Mrs Jennings-Clarke  All Welcome - £4  Max 8			<b>Minecraft</b> (Led by Mrs Keen)  Year 3 and above - £4  Max 15
	<b>SATS Booster – Maths</b> Led by Mr Young  Year 6 only (No charge)	<b>SATS Busting</b> Led by Mrs Hill  Year 6 only (parents encouraged to attend) No charge		

### Texting Service

I would like to begin using a St Mary's texting service to provide all parents with timely communications of key events and news. We will trial the system over the next couple of weeks so please could you let Mrs Sellman in the school office know if you would not like to be included in the service or have a different mobile number than the one currently on our records that you would like to receive messages on. Thank you.

### Suggestion Box

As I settle into my role as Headteacher I am keen to understand the views of parents and carers and the things that you would like to change or improve at St Mary's. Please write any suggestions you may have on a piece of paper and post them in the white box on the wall outside my office.



Please note that JAFFA will be held **in Church** until further notice  
(3:30-4:30 on WEDNESDAY afternoons)  
Please collect your children from the Church at 4:30pm  
JAFFA is open to all children in the school  
If your child will be attending for the first time please ensure you complete  
and return a registration form (available from the school office)  
For further information please contact Denise Keen:  
01630 672792 [deniseakeen@btinternet.com](mailto:deniseakeen@btinternet.com) 07761 446753

### Church and Community News



A warm welcome awaits you at any of the services at  
**St Mary's Church, Mucklestone: 11:15am every Sunday morning**  
Next Sunday (22<sup>nd</sup> April) will be a **Family Service** with children from  
JAFFA helping to lead the service.

Please join us if you can. For further information contact Denise Keen:  
[deniseakeen@btinternet.com](mailto:deniseakeen@btinternet.com) / 07761 446753

Please let me know as soon as possible if your child is able to take part, and by  
**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>** at the latest. Thank you.

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We will/will not be able to attend the Family Service on 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Signed ..... (Parent/Carer)

**Clare Hill**  
**Head Teacher**

## Diary Dates

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



16 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of the Summer Term – Staff and children in school
18 <sup>th</sup> April to 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Class 2 – Swimming lessons for children in Class 2
7 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday (School Closed)
14 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATS
21 <sup>st</sup> May	6pm Full Governing Body Meeting – Parents welcome to attend for the first 15 minutes
25 <sup>th</sup> May	Last Day of Half Term
28 <sup>th</sup> May to 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Half Term Holiday
4 <sup>th</sup> June	Return to school

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