



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

Mail on Monday

23rd April 2018



Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to clarify the official lines of communication we use to communicate 'electronically' to parents. The official methods are St Mary's website, Facebook page, text messaging service and our newsletter 'MOM'. The Friends of St Mary's School committee also uses these systems to communicate news about their fund raising events and activities.

Any other communication you may receive, for example via social media sites and messaging services, have not officially been verified by us and may lead to miscommunication or incorrect information being conveyed that does not represent the views of myself and St Mary's.

Welcome!

St Mary's continues to be a growing community and I would like to warmly welcome several children who have recently joined us, Theo Charnley, Phoebe Emery and Marie Griffin in Year 1 and Charlotte Evans in Year 5. I'm sure you will join me in helping these new families settle into school and we hope they will all be very happy at St Mary's. We now have 69 children on roll.

Pencil Cases in Class 3



After some deliberation amongst staff, we have decided to allow **Class 3 only** to bring a pencil case into school. We will trial this for the summer term and will then reassess in September. There are a set of rules to guide children and parents and we politely ask you adhere to these rules. The pencil case should not be oversized and small enough to fit into a central caddy on each table. The caddy will hold up to 8 pencil cases; hence a smaller pencil case will fit. Inside the pencil case your child may bring a pencil, rubber, ruler, sharpener and a range of coloured pencils and felt tips if they wish. A protractor and compass are useful too. If your child does not wish to bring a pencil case, all equipment is in school available to them.

We ask for the equipment to be plain and functional as themed and extravagant pieces seem to cause issues in class. We are hoping the children will enjoy the privilege and allow them to prepare for greater responsibility expected in high school.

If the reintroduction of pencil cases causes arguments, upset and anxiety for children and impacts negatively on learning, then I am sure you will agree that we will have to reconsider. Please support us in talking to your child about this matter and support them in the choices they make. Thank you.

St Mary's Choir – All children welcome, Friday lunchtimes

Miss Manley and I will be asking children if they would like to join a St Mary's Children's Choir. We will hold a choir practice on Friday lunchtime in school where we will sing songs from many different musical genres and all children, from all classes, are welcome to join.



We are hoping the choir will grow and we can perform in church and join in community events. We are very excited and hope your children will enjoy the opportunity to be part of a special choir! Our first choir practice will be on Friday 4th May at 12.30pm.

Class 2 Swimming – Help Required!

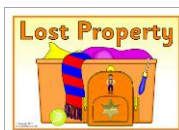
Please could you let the school office know if you are able to help transport children back to school following their swimming lesson on Wednesday afternoon. As the children will be swimming for the remainder of this half term I would ideally like parents who are able to commit to all five weeks to ensure that children returning to school for JAFFA Club have transport confirmed. Thank you.

Year 6 – KS2 SATS Timetable

Below is the timetable that we will follow for this year's KS2 SATS tests which all children in Year 6 will take next month.

Date	Subject	Test paper
Monday 14 May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling	Paper 1: spelling Paper 2: questions
Tuesday 15 May	English reading	English reading
Wednesday 16 May	Mathematics	Paper 1: arithmetic Paper 2: reasoning
Thursday 17 May	Mathematics	Paper 3: reasoning

Lost Property



There are lots of items in our lost property bin which we are unable to reunite with their owners because they are not labelled. Please could you help us to minimise lost items by ensuring that all your child's belongings are clearly labelled with their name, including shoes and all P.E. kit. There are lots of companies who provide this service and a leaflet is attached with more information. Thank you.

Church and Community News

Messy Church, 4pm to 6pm Saturday 28th April – Hugo Meynell

Messy Church hosted by the Loggerheads Benefice, will take place this Saturday, 28th April from 4 to 6 pm at Hugo Meynell. There will be crafts, games, worship and food. All ages are welcome to attend, and there is no need to pre-book.



It was lovely to welcome so many families to the Family Service yesterday.

Thank you to all the children who took part – they did a brilliant job!

A warm welcome awaits you at any of the services at

St Mary's Church, Mucklestone: 11:15am every Sunday morning

Next Sunday (29th April) will be a **Confirmation Service** when the Bishop of Stafford will confirm some of our present and past pupils.

Please join us if you can to support them in this service of celebration.

Clare Hill
Head Teacher

Diary Dates

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



18 th April to 23 rd May	Class 2 – Swimming lessons for children in Class 2
4 th May	St Mary's Choir practice – 12.30pm. All welcome.
7 th May	Bank Holiday (School Closed)
14 th – 18 th May	KS2 SATS
21st May	6pm Full Governing Body Meeting – Parents welcome to attend for the first 15 minutes
25 th May	Last Day of Half Term
28 th May to 1 st June	Half Term Holiday
4 th June	Return to school

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