



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

Mail on Monday

30th April 2018



Dear Parents and Carers

St Mary's church welcomed the Bishop of Stafford to a celebratory service of confirmation yesterday. Bishop Geoff led the lovely service and the children were supported by family, friends and members of the church and local community. Congratulations to Maxim Montandon and former pupil, Sam Grove, who were confirmed during the service.



Mrs Cartwright

As you may know Mrs Cartwright, our school cook, has been taken ill and is currently having some time away from school to recuperate. I am sure you will join me in sending Mrs Cartwright our very best wishes for a full and speedy recovery.

Thank you to Mrs Barber who has stepped into the role of cook whilst Mrs Cartwright is away.

Royal Wedding Picnic – 12pm to 1.30pm, Friday 18th May



With the royal wedding around the corner, St Mary's would like to join in the celebrations. To commemorate the wedding of Meghan and Harry we would like to invite you to picnic on Friday 18th May at 12 noon. We would also like to invite all children, parents and staff to wear red, white and blue. The classroom activities for this day will be related to the wedding and the royal family.

We really hope you can come and share in our own street party event. The picnic will end at 1.30pm.

Class 2 Swimming

Many thanks to all of the parents who have offered to return children to school following their swimming lesson on Wednesday afternoons. If you have offered to bring children back please let us know if you are unable to so that we can make alternative arrangements for collection.

St Mary's Governing Body Meeting – 5.45pm pm, Monday 21st May

A reminder that there is a full governing board meeting on 21st May. Parents and carers are invited at 5.45pm, prior to the meeting, when I would welcome anyone who would like to meet with me to discuss school issues as well as introducing myself to you, if I haven't already. Thanks Mrs Hill.

Toilet Refurbishment

As some of you may be aware, during the summer holiday period a toilet refurbishment project will be taking place. The project will provide two dedicated toilets for Early Years and five toilets for Years 1 to 6. Please come into school to view the plans – they are available in the entrance area.



P.E. Kit

Please could parents and carers ensure children have full P.E. kit for all sessions in school. Children require a white t-shirt and navy blue or black shorts. Dark coloured tracksuits and hoodies are useful to keep them warm during outdoor P.E. activities. Please ensure all items, including pumps and trainers are clearly named. Thank you.

Head lice – please be vigilant

A parent has informed us that head lice are around again. Please could you check your child's hair regularly and ensure any bugs are treated appropriately to avoid the infection from spreading. Thank you for your support.

Class 1 News

As part of our weekly class worship, Class 1 has been exploring 'loss' and what it means. Children used the story 'Badgers Parting Gift' by Susan Varley, and explored how we can remember people or animals we have lost. The children were very mature in their reflections about a rather challenging theme and came up with many ways of how we remember people who are no longer with us.

This week, Class 1 will be going on a 'Virtual Field Trip' to Australia to support their literacy and topic learning. They will explore life under the oceans, in particular the Great Barrier Reef, from the comfort of their classroom before creating their own coral reef and completing a piece of creative writing.

Church and Community News



FOSMS Coffee Morning – 9am, Tuesday 8th May (School hall)

A reminder that all parents and carers are welcome to join the FOSMS team for coffee and a chat about forthcoming events next Tuesday morning. Please come along and find out more about ways you can support our fabulous school.

Second-hand Uniform – During the Coffee Morning there will also be the opportunity to take a look at the second-hand uniform that is available for a small donation.

FOSMS Treasurer

The FOSMS Committee currently has a vacancy for the position of Treasurer as Richard Sellman resigned from this post at the end of the autumn term. A huge thank you to Richard for all his hard work and support during his time in the role.

If you are interested in becoming Treasurer please contact Sarah Gardiner (Chairperson), Louise Darlington (Secretary) or any of the other committee members - Emma O'Callaghan, Philippe Le Toquin or Heidi Jennings-Clarke for more information.

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)
8th May	FOSMS Coffee Morning and second-hand uniform sale, 9am in the school hall
11 th May	School nurse – height and weight measurement (Reception and Year 6 children only)
14 th – 18 th May	KS2 SATS
15th May	School census day
18th May	Royal Wedding picnic 12pm to 1.30pm – Parents and carers welcome. (Red, white and blue theme)
21st May	6pm Full Governing Body Meeting – Parents welcome to attend from 5.45pm for the first 15 minutes to meet Mrs Hill and ask any school-related questions
24th May	St Mary's 'Focus on Faith' day – more details to follow
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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