



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

Mail on Monday

17th September 2018



Dear Parents and Carers

Polite Reminder - School Policies

School Premises - This is a reminder to parents and carers that we do not permit dogs onto the school premises. Some of our pupils have allergies to animal fur and it is safer to ensure they do not have contact with animals.

Child Illness - Parents have also asked me to send a polite reminder of our Staffordshire Communicable Diseases Policy for absence periods following illness. If your child has vomited or had an episode of diarrhoea our policy is that children remain at home for a period of 48 hours following the last bout.

Thank you for your support on these matters.

Volunteer helpers needed to hear children read

We would like to ask if any parent, carer or other family member with any spare time could consider becoming a volunteer helper to hear readers in school. We would very much appreciate any help in classes to hear children read individually. If you think you would enjoy this challenge and have some free time please let Mrs Hill or Mrs Sellman know. Thank you.



Class 1 News

Staff are really pleased and proud with the way our youngest children are coming into school independently each morning. This is great! If you could continue to encourage your child to say goodbye at the gate they settle in class so much more quickly and can begin their early morning activities.

Food Tasting – Children in Class 1 will be exploring their senses as part of their topic work and will be sampling a range of different foods. All food items will be nut free but your child will be experiencing some strong flavours to test their taste buds and explore likes and dislikes. Sounds fun!

Class 2 – Trip to the Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre – Wednesday 19th September

Just a reminder that, due to the recent, heavy rainfall, we have been advised that children will need to wear old clothes and trainers for the duration of their visit rather than their school uniform as initially communicated in our letter. (No shorts or sandals please). Please could children also take a warm, waterproof jacket and a pair of wellies as some of the activities will take place outside regardless of the weather.

Violin Tuition

Class 2 - I am pleased to confirm that we are able to continue with our K2M violin tuition this term with all children in Class 2 learning how to play during our music lessons each Friday afternoon. This is a fantastic service enabling children to access professional music tuition as part of the national curriculum. To support their learning each child will be given a violin to take home and practice.



Class 3 – Children in Class 3 who have chosen to continue with violin tuition were placed into small groups last week. Each child received a 'Practice Diary' containing information on the music book that Mrs Hughes would like you to purchase for use during your child's lesson and we will be writing to parents shortly to communicate how to pay for these sessions.

Woodwind Tuition

Mrs Gibson will resume clarinet lessons this week and will also offer flute tuition for any children who would like to learn to play. The charge for these sessions is £19 per 30 minutes so, the more children who play the cheaper the individual cost becomes. If your child is interested in joining clarinet or flute lessons please let me, or the school office, know by Thursday 20th September at the latest.

Guitar and Ukulele Tuition

Following October half term Mrs Hollinshead-Bland will have more availability in her guitar and ukulele sessions. These have proved popular over recent years with children performing in concerts and taking RGT examinations to be awarded grades. Again, if you would like more information please speak to Mrs Sellman in the school office.

'Jeans for Genes' Day – Friday 21st September 2018



This year I have chosen to support the 'Jeans for Genes' charity which encourages everyone to 'Wear jeans and save lives.' On Friday, 21st September children may bring a voluntary contribution of £1 to wear jeans and their own clothes for the day.

Website – Unfortunately we are experiencing technical difficulties with our website and it is currently unavailable on line. Our I.T. support team is addressing the issues and hopefully they will be fixed as soon as possible to allow you to access the website again. We are sorry for any inconvenience this has caused; please contact the school office if you have any immediate queries.

Local High School News

A couple of our local high schools are holding open evenings for prospective parents in the coming weeks as follows:

Madeley High School – Wednesday, 3rd October at 6pm or 7pm

Grove High School – Thursday 4th October from 5.30pm to 8pm

Grove High School has decided to join the Marches Academy Trust to enable them to convert to academy status. The school has published a letter to parents informing of them of the details of conversion and what it means for the school, pupils and parents.

Further information regarding each school can be found on their individual websites.

Children in Need – Friday 16th November

The annual appeal has come around again very quickly and we will be joining in with the fundraising activities on 16th November. Please send your child into school in their own clothes and our theme is 'spots!' We would really appreciate if you could send a voluntary contribution of £1 to assist in our support of this important fundraising event.



A warm welcome awaits you at any of the services at

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

The next **Family Service** will be on **Sunday 23rd September at 11:15am**

Children from Children's Church Club will be helping to lead the service

Please join us if you can. For further information contact Denise Keen:

deniseakeen@btinternet.com / 07761446753



FOSMS News

Quiz Night - Friday 19th October – You are warmly invited to join us at Knighton Village Hall for our Quiz Night. Tickets cost £8.50 each and will include a fish and chip supper but please bring your own drinks. Tickets will be available from the school office or a member of our FOSMS team – Lucie Barber, Denise Keen, Richard Sellman, Lynne Mitchell, Sarah Gardiner or Dawn Carter.

Water Bottles – There are still bottles with our logo available to purchase from the school office if your child would like one. Individual bottles cost £3.50 or are 2 for £6.50.

Loggerheads Benefice Messy Church

Our next session of Messy Church will be Saturday, 22nd September and will be held at Hugo Meynell from 4 – 6 pm. Children, parents, grandparents, cousins, aunts and uncles are all warmly invited to attend this event! Come

and spend quality time together bonding over shared activities which we will organise, prepare and clear away. Further events will follow on the last weekend of every month.

Clare Hill
Head Teacher

St Mary's Church of England Primary School - Dates List 2018/2019

Please note some dates may be subject to change and new dates will be available as the academic year progresses.

Phonics parent workshop - Early Reading (Class 1 parents)	18/9/18 (9-9.30 am)
Class 2 School trip – Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre	19/9/18
'Jeans for Genes' Day – wear jeans / own clothes for a £1 donation	21/09/18
Early writing parent workshop (Class 1 parents)	25/9/18 (9-9.30 am)
Full governing board meeting – Parent invite 6pm	4/10/18
Harvest Supper – Knighton Village Hall	5/10/2018
Open Door Shrewsbury (Year 5 and 6 only)	10/10/18
New starters and Harvest Service in Church – Whole school to attend	14/10/18
Photographer in school (pupils, staff and governors)	23/10/18
FOSMS Quiz Night – Please note change of date	19/10/18
Half term holiday	29/10/18 -2/11/18
Inset day 3	5/11/18
Maths - Explore Learning (4 – KS2 pupils)	7/11/18
Remembrance service in church	9/11/18 (10.45 am)
Parent workshop Maths – all parents invited	12/11/18 (3.30- 4.00pm)
Children in Need Day	16/11/2018
Parent workshop – Reports – all parents invited	26/11/18 (3.30-4.00pm)
Class 1 School trip	28/11/18
Pantomime visit - Wind in the Willows	4/12/18
Full governing board meeting – Parent invite 6pm	5/12/18
Nativity Performance	12/12/18 (2pm and 6pm)
Christmas stalls	14/12/18
Staff and pupils break up for Christmas Holiday	21/12/18 (9am)
Christmas service in church	
Inset Day 4	7/1/19
Pupils return for Spring Term	8/1/19
Full governing board meeting – Parent invite 6pm	12/2/19
FOSMS Beetle Drive	15/2/19
Half term holiday	18/2/19-22/2/19
Dove Dale 'Putting Wow into worship' 10 pupils from Year 5 and 6	21/3/18 -22/3/18
Full governing board meeting- Parent invite 6pm	9/4/19
Easter egg hunt and Easter bonnet parade	12/4/19
Easter service in church	(9 am)
Staff and pupils break up for Easter holiday	
Pupils return for Summer term	29/4/19
May day	6/5/19
SATS week Key Stage 2.	13/5/19
Half term holiday	27/5/19-31/5/19
Summer Fayre	15/6/19 (provisional)
Production dress rehearsal	3/7/19

End of Year/Leavers Production 1.30 pm and 6 pm	4/7/19
Leavers Service in Church Followed by BBQ Whole school to attend	14/7/19
Sports Day (start time to be confirmed)	10/7/19
Full governing board meeting – parent invite 6pm	11/7/19
Reserve sports day (start time to be confirmed)	12/7/19
End of Year service in Church 9.30 am	19/7/19
Pupils break up for Summer holiday	19/7/19
Inset day 5	22/7/19