



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

Mail on Monday

26th November 2018



Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to start by thanking all the parents, staff and governors who came into school on Saturday morning to remove the bricks from behind our septic tank. I am delighted to say that we completed the work and also had time to tidy our school grounds.

A huge thank you to Mr Williams, Ned Williams, Mrs Vodrey and Jack Vodrey for their help and also to Mrs Mitchell, Will Mitchell, the Sellman family, Mrs Jackson, Mr and Mrs Keen and the Furnival family who supported the project again. Your help was invaluable and we could not have done it without you.

Last week the children met Waheeda Qureshi - our lady in black. She explored prayer with the younger children looking specifically at how Muslims pray. The older children were given the opportunity to explore and understand the Islamic faith. The children had a fascinating and informative morning and many children continued their discussions into the afternoon.

We have a very busy week to look forward to; here is a summary of the main events for your diaries:

Tuesday, 27th November

High 5 Netball competition at Keele University
Photography Club trip to Park Hill Farm

Wednesday, 28th November

Class 2 will be enjoying a trip to Cheswardine Hall to watch the pantomime 'Alice in Wonderland'. This pantomime has been arranged for the elderly residents and we have been invited to join them as part of our efforts to form closer links with the hall. Later in December, we will also take the choir and band to sing and perform some Christmas songs and hope some of the residents will visit school to hear readers and talk about their lives and the past.

Class 1 trip to Blists Hill Victorian Museum – please remember to provide your consent and voluntary contribution via ParentPay as soon as possible. Children will need a packed lunch and warm, weather-appropriate clothing.

Thursday, 29th November

Class 3 – swimming lessons resume at Market Drayton pool
Football Competition at Keele University

Friday, 30th November - Christmas Tree Festival Singing Event – Holy Trinity Church in Eccleshall

We are really excited to be joining Bishop Lonsdale Academy choir to sing in Eccleshall Church on Friday 30th November. The band will be playing too! All family and friends are welcome to join and support us; it would be lovely to see you there. We will be performing at 11am for approximately 45 minutes. Thank you.



Wind in the Willows - New Victoria Theatre, Tuesday 4th December

Please look out for a letter with more details of our annual theatre trip which will be provided in the next few days.

Leon Baptiste Visit – Wednesday, 6th December

We are very excited to welcome Leon Baptiste, Commonwealth gold medal winner, to school at the start of December. Please bring any completed sponsorship forms to the school office by Monday, 4th December. Thank you.

Snow Closure Procedure

With winter now upon us and snowfall within some parts of the county last week we have reviewed our severe weather, school closure procedure and we have new snow procedure for St Mary's school.

Below is an outline of this; please make a careful note and ask if you require any further information.

St Mary's Church of England Primary School

Every Day Matters

Snow Closure Procedure

1. If the weather is deemed to be treacherous due to snowfall or icy conditions Mrs Hill will contact Chair of Governors to confirm school closure
2. Mrs Hill will send text message to all staff confirming decision
3. Mrs Sellman to send one text message to one parent of each family confirming closure
4. Parents advised to view website
5. Mrs Hill to add to school closure list on SCC website

St Mary's Texting Service (via ParentPay)

In order to enhance our communication to parents we will be utilising the texting service that is available within ParentPay. Please could you ensure that you have entered the mobile phone number you would like to receive school text messages on into your ParentPay account.

Over the next few days we will be testing the system and will communicate via email when an SMS will be sent. If you do not receive the messages please contact the school office so the issue can be rectified.

We hope the texting service will enable us to send useful and timely messages to parents and hope everyone will provide their phone number to enable it to be successful. Thank you for your support.

Well done to all who received awards for 'Winning the Battle':



Winning the Battle Certificates:

Class 1 – Dylan, Finn and Harriet

Class 2 – Keira, Annabelle and Tom

Class 3 – Alex C, Charlotte, Joe W and Sam

Winning House: Amiens



Church and Community News:



St Mary's Church Mucklestone

Family Christingle Service

Sunday 9th December 11:15am

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

ALL VERY WELCOME

(If your child doesn't normally attend Children's Church Club
and would like to take part, please let Mrs Keen know)





FOSMS News

Mucklestone Christmas Supper and Charity Auction – 7.15pm Tuesday 11th December (White Lion, Knighton)

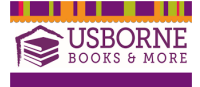
We are pleased to confirm that, due to popular demand, a few additional tickets have been added for this event so if you would like to attend please contact a member of the FOSMS team or the school office as soon as possible to purchase your tickets.

There are some fabulous lots to bid for this year including a flying lesson, hot air balloon ride and VIP tickets for St Mary's Nativity performance.

Thank you to everyone who offered to donate items for the hamper, please bring these into school by Friday 7th December.

Usborne Book Fair – Orders needed by Thursday 29th November

Thank you to everyone who visited the book fair on Friday. If you would like to place an order please bring your completed form to the school office by Thursday morning at the latest. Don't forget, the every book purchased helps St Mary's to earn free books for our children to use in school.



Co-op Local Community Fund

We are delighted that we have been chosen for the next round of the Co-op Local Community Fund; please visit www.coop.co.uk/membership and select Friends of St Mary's School (FOSMS), Mucklestone as your local cause if you are already a member of the Co-op.

Every time members shop at the Co-op, 1% of what they spend on selected own-brand products goes to the Co-op Local Community Fund. If you don't have membership, you can find out more about Co-op membership in-store or online at www.coop.co.uk/membership.



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.

Parent workshop – Reports – all parents invited	26/11/18 (3.30-4.00pm)
High 5 Netball tournament – Keele University	27/11/2018
Photography Trip to Park Hill Farm	27/11/2018
Class 1 School trip to Blists Hill Museum	28/11/18
Class 2 – Pantomime at Cheswardine Nursing Home	28/11/2018
Football Competition – Keele University	29/11/2018
Christmas Tree Festival, Eccleshall Church	30/11/2018
Pantomime visit - Wind in the Willows (Whole School)	4/12/18
Full governing board meeting – Parent invite 6pm	5/12/18
Bee Active – Launch of Daily Mile Sports For Champions – Leon Baptiste visiting school (All children to wear P.E. kit)	6/12/2018
Mucklestone Christmas Supper and Charity Auction – White Lion, Knighton – all proceeds being donated to FOSMS	11/12/2018
Nativity Performance	12/12/18 (2pm and 6pm)
Christmas stalls	14/12/18
Christmas lunch – children only	19/12/2018
Christmas Jumper Day	20/12/2018
Staff and pupils break up for Christmas Holiday Christmas service in church – 9.15am	21/12/18
Inset Day 4	7/1/19
Pupils return for Spring Term	8/1/19
Full governing board meeting – Parent invite 6pm	12/2/19
Half term holiday	18/2/19-22/2/19
FOSMS Fashion Show – more details to follow	1/03/2019
Dove Dale ‘Putting Wow into worship’ 10 pupils from Year 5 and 6	21/3/18 -22/3/18
Class 3 – Visit to Regent Theatre, Hanley to watch Warhorse 7.30pm	01/04/2018
Full governing board meeting- Parent invite 6pm	9/4/19
Easter egg hunt and Easter bonnet parade Easter service in church – 9.15am Staff and pupils break up for Easter holiday	12/4/19
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
Class 3 – Residential week, PGL Boreatton Park	24/06/2018 to 28/06/2018
Production dress rehearsal	3/7/19
End of Year/Leavers Production 1.30 pm and 6 pm	4/7/19
Loggerheads Parish – Summer Fete at Hugo Meynell	7/7/19 (12pm to 4pm)
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 9.15 am	19/7/19
Pupils break up for Summer holiday	19/7/19
Inset day 5	22/7/19