



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

Mail on Monday

10th December 2018



Dear Parents and Carers

What a busy week!

Well done to the Class 3 members who performed brilliantly at the athletics tournament at Newcastle Academy last week. Again, the children tried incredibly hard and were a credit to St Mary's. Well done Hugo, Billy, Leon, George W, Kinley, Sam, Charlotte, Sophie, Nicole, Cerys, Belle and Isobel.

On Thursday, Ben Mills from Bee Active launched the 'Mega Mile' with all our children. It was great fun and taught us the benefits of exercise. We now have 'Bee Active' number plaques on the playground and a mapped out route to follow. The children will be awarded stickers when they build their miles and they will also win bronze, silver and gold certificates.

Our day of physical activity ended with a superb visit by Leon Baptiste, a sprinting and boxing sports champion. We had a fabulous time competing in our circuit sessions and listened to an inspirational talk from Leon. Thank you so much for all of your support to sponsor your child. We raised a total of £403 which is tremendous. The children have already asked who is coming next year?!!!

Congratulations also to our math's champions. We have been informed that our school team is through to the final of the competition which will be held at Cambridge University in January 2019. We were competing against secondary-aged students and were commended for our problem solving. Well done Emily, Jamie, Lara and Jake, I am proud of you all – such an amazing achievement.

Mucklestone Christmas Supper and Charity Auction – White Lion, Knighton Tomorrow evening

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed to tomorrow night's charity auction event; we are looking forward to a fantastic evening at The White Lion.

The auction catalogue is attached to this newsletter and there are some amazing lots available this year ranging from a flying lesson or hot air balloon ride to golf tuition, a day at the races or even a VIP experience at St Mary's Nativity performance.

Please take a look at the catalogue and place any bids in a sealed envelope before submitting them to Dawn Carter or Lucie Barber by 3.15pm on Tuesday 11th December.

There will also be the opportunity to purchase a raffle ticket for the draw that will take place at the supper before and after school tomorrow. Thank you again for your support.

Nativity Performance 2pm and 6pm, Wednesday 12th December



We look forward to welcoming you all to this year's Nativity performances. As space in the hall is a challenge please could I ask that you only attend one of the shows.

Following the afternoon performance, children will be sent home wearing their school uniform so we would like them to return to school by 5.30pm to enable them to change into costumes for the evening performance which will start at 6pm. Thank you.

Class 3 Swimming – Thursday Mornings

Swimming will continue for all children in Class 3 until the end of term meaning there are two more sessions to go. Please continue to drop children at the pool for 8.45am as in previous weeks. Thank you.

Christmas Music and Drama Performances – Thursday 20th December

Music performance at 2.45pm – Martin Jones, our specialist music teacher, will be leading the band and choir to create a short, Christmas performance for parents, staff and governors.

Drama Performance at 3.30pm – Our Drama Club will be performing their pantomime, 'Christmas Crackers', at 3.30pm next Thursday.

Everyone is welcome to come along for these performances which will be sure to make you feel very festive!

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



Winning the Battle Certificates:

Class 1 – Jennifer, William and Lucrezia

Class 2 – Paddy, Ned, Macy and Gracie

Class 3 – Emily, Jamie, Lara, Alex C.

Winning House: Amiens

Church and Community News:

Carols at the Carwash –6.30pm Friday 14th December

This popular community event will take place this Friday. Everyone is warmly invited to join the local community choir for Christmas carols and songs. There will be mulled wine and mince pies and Santa will visit on his sleigh.

Follow the Star

The final Messy Church event of 2018 will be **Follow the Star** from 3pm - 5 pm at St Paul's Croxton on Saturday, 22nd December. This all-age event will include a Christmas treasure hunt, refreshments and worship. Pre-booking by Wednesday, 19th December is essential. Please RSVP with numbers to:

beneficeyoungpeople@gmail.com or text 0775 923 4087. See the attached flyer for details.



FOSMS News

Balance Bikes

The balance bikes used in our outdoor areas are becoming worn and are in need of being replaced. If you are having a pre-Christmas clear out and have a balance bike at home that is in good condition but no longer being used St Mary's would be very grateful if you would consider donating it to our children. Thank you very much for your support.

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.

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 lunch – children only	19/12/2018
Christmas Jumper Day / Christmas Party 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