



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

## Mail on Monday

### 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018



Dear Parents and Carers

The choir and orchestra of St Mary's now has an official name; Mucklestone Music Mash!!! We performed at Cheswardine Residential Home on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December. We were amazing!

A huge thank you to Martin, our choir and band leader. I was so delighted with how the concert came together, the residents joined in and we all enjoyed hearing a Christmas poem. Well done to all of the children.

Mucklestone Music Mash will be performing again on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> December in the school hall at 2.45pm. Everyone is welcome to join us for another festive, music event.

An enormous thank you to all parents, governors, friends, FOSMS members and members of the community for supporting the Christmas Supper and Charity Auction evening. I was totally overwhelmed by everyone's generosity and the event raised over £2,600, an incredible amount for the children of our school.

Words seem inadequate – it was superb. A big thank you to Graham Sedgley for his organisation of this successful event and for donating the proceeds to FOSMS and thanks also to Dawn Carter and the FOSMS team for their hard work.

**Mucklestone Nativity Rocks** – it certainly did! What a wonderful afternoon and evening we had. I have received so much positive feedback from parents about our production. The children again performed beautifully, spoke with confidence and sang their hearts out. The enthusiasm was infectious. Thanks to all staff for their hard work and preparations to make this such a success.

#### **Breakfast Club Bookings - A polite reminder**

Please could parents ensure they book their child into Breakfast Club as least 48 hours in advance. Due to safe staffing ratios, we are unable to accept children when they turn up without booking. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

#### **Class 3 Swimming – Final Session this Thursday Morning**

Please drop children at the pool for 8.45am for their final swimming session. Thank you.



#### **This week at a glance:**

Our final week is definitely a festive one; here is a summary of the key events:

Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Children's Christmas lunch</b> – please pay via ParentPay as usual (menu attached)
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	<p><b>Christmas Party Day</b> - children may come to school wearing a Christmas jumper or their own clothes.</p> <p>A 'party lunch' will be served – please pay via ParentPay as usual. (menu attached)</p> <p><b>Music performance at 2.45pm</b> – Martin Jones, our specialist music teacher, will be leading the band and choir to create a short, Christmas performance for parents, staff and governors.</p> <p><b>Drama Performance at 3.30pm</b> – Drama Club will be performing their pantomime, 'Christmas Crackers', at 3.30pm.</p> <p>Everyone is welcome to come along for these performances which will be sure to make you feel very festive!</p>
Friday 21st December	<p><b>Last Day</b> – children may bring toys to school. (No electronics please)</p> <p><b>Whole School Christmas Church Service at 9.15am</b> – all parents and carers welcome</p>

## St Mary's Christmas Tree – Thank you to Mucklestone Nursery

A huge thank you to William Friend of Mucklestone Nurseries, Rock Lane for our fabulous Christmas tree. I took several children to the nursery to choose the tree and, I'm sure you will agree they made an excellent choice as it looks fabulous at the entrance to our school. We are very grateful for Will's support with both the tree and our After School Fishing Club – thank you!



## Spring Term – Snacks and Clubs



Please ensure that you log onto Parent Pay to place your child's spring term snack orders as well as booking places on after school clubs before the end of term.

## Class 3 – Residential Trip to Boreatton Park - Monday 24th June to Friday 28th June 2019

All children in Class 3 received a letter with details about this trip on Friday afternoon. Please log into ParentPay to pay your deposit and secure your child's place on the trip by the end of January. Thank you very much.

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



### Winning the Battle Certificates:

Class 1 – Zac and Penelope

Class 2 – to be confirmed next week

Class 3 – Sophie, Joe, Sam and Yvee



**Winning House:** Somme

## Football at School



If your child likes to play football during school breaks and lunchtimes please could you ensure they have a pair of trainers, in a named carrier bag, hanging on their peg at all times. I would like to encourage children to change into their trainers when playing football to protect their school shoes and also avoid unnecessary amounts of mud being brought into school. Thank you for your support.

## Church and Community News:

### 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.coop.co.uk/membership).

As our last MOM of the year, we would like to wish you and your families a very merry Christmas and a peaceful new year. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 to begin our Spring Term.

From all of the staff at St Mary's Primary School.

**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.

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
<b>Inset Day 4</b>	<b>7/1/19</b>
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 <b>Whole school to attend</b>	14/7/19
<b>Sports Day (9.15am Parents invited to watch events, afternoon activities for children only – Led by Bee Active)</b>	<b>9/7/19</b> <b>N.B. Date change</b>
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
<b>Inset day 5</b>	<b>22/7/19</b>