



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

Mail on Tuesday

8th January 2019



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back! I hope you and your family had a super Christmas and a happy new year.

After a much needed break, I hope children are ready to return to school and resume their hard work and learning. The return to school after Christmas always feels like spring is not far away now.

The Governors and I are producing a new, welcome pack for our school. It will be distributed to all current parents and those whose children join St Mary's each September or at any point during the academic year. We would like to print the packs professionally to give a high quality finish. Any parents, carers or family members who have any contacts with printing companies – could you please let me or Mrs Sellman know. Thank you.

Violin Tuition – Class 2



The whole class, violin session for Class 2 pupils has now finished. However, if any children would like to continue to receive tuition each Friday I am pleased to be able to offer smaller, group lessons with Mrs Hughes. The cost of lessons will reduce with the more children who wish to continue but we anticipate that each 30 minute lesson will cost no more than £5. Please could you let Mrs Sellman know if your child would like to continue with tuition so that the cost can be calculated and tuition groups arranged accordingly.

If you still have a violin at home and would not like your child to continue with lessons please return the instrument to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

Year 6 Booster Classes – 3.15pm to 4pm on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons (starting 9th January 2019)

Mr Young and I will begin Year 6, after school booster classes from Wednesday 9th January 2019 onwards. The classes will run from 3.15pm to 4pm with Mr Young leading a mathematics booster group each Wednesday and me leading a reading booster session each Thursday.

For the first half term we wish to teach children only but parents will be invited to all booster groups on our return from the February half term holiday (week beginning Monday 25th February 2019). We hope these additional sessions will support your child's learning and aid in the preparation for their SATs in May. Thank you for your continuing support.

New Year Polite Reminder

Could you please ensure your child attends school with the equipment necessary to allow them to access all of their learning. A full P.E. kit, water bottle, book bag, reading books and homework. Please can you ensure all items of clothing are clearly and regularly named to minimize the amount of lost property that accumulates.

If your child wishes to play football at break time and lunchtimes please could you send a pair of trainers for them to wear as 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.



Recycling Batteries



Do you have any 'dead batteries' at home? At the end of January the school will be collecting used batteries of any size. The school will then be sent a small amount of money in return for the old batteries. If you could hold onto them at home until the boxes arrive in school and then you will be able to deposit them in the boxes in the Reception area. Thanks.

Christingle Candles

Please return any filled Christingle candle boxes to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Spring Term – Snacks and Clubs



Please ensure that you log onto Parent Pay to place your child's spring term snack order if you would like your child to receive a warm snack during morning break.

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 before Christmas. Please log into ParentPay to pay your deposit and secure your child's place on the trip by 31st January. Thank you very much.

Church and Community News:

It is with great sadness that I share the following note that was published in a recent edition of the Grapevine magazine. On behalf of everyone at St Mary's I would like to express our sincerest condolences to Reverend Eades' family.

Revd Jonathan Eades' cousin from Scarborough has asked us to share the sad news that Jonathan died peacefully early on 28th December. He had recently been moved to a nursing home as his condition deteriorated and he needed more round-the-clock care.

We are told that Jonathan had received Holy Communion on Christmas Eve, and enjoyed some carol singers that evening. The near-by cousins had been with him on Christmas day, and Boxing Day, and his twin brother had been sitting with him on Thursday.

There is to be a private funeral for the family in Scarborough and then in the spring (maybe not until April or May), a memorial service at the parish church close by his family home at Mavesyn Ridware near Rugeley. Details of the latter will be given to us in due course.

Sad news indeed, for everyone else, at Christmas time, but surely a joyous home-coming for Jonathan himself...



FOSMS News

Thank you to everyone who has already registered their Co-op membership card to allocate a proportion of funds to our school. If you are yet to register please follow the instructions below to join the scheme and support St Mary's. Thank you very much.

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.

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 DATE TBC
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 (9.15am Parents invited to watch events, afternoon activities for children only – Led by Bee Active)	9/7/19
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