



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

Mail on Monday

28th January 2019



Dear Parents and Carers

Snow and Severe Weather Conditions

Thank you to everyone for battling the snow last week but maintaining as much normality as possible. I appreciate the difficulties and problems facing staff, children, parents and carers driving into school during difficult conditions.

Snow is again forecast, so please could I remind you that if the decision is made to close the school, a text will be sent to one parent per family via our ParentPay texting service. We will also use Facebook to post the decision to close ensuring parents with a poor mobile phone signal receive the message. Staffordshire County Council's website will also be updated within the school closure list.

If you do not receive notification as listed above, ***please presume school is open.***

Can I also remind you that children do need wellington boots on days such as these. They play in the snow on the grass (as this is a safer surface than the hard standing area) and they cannot join in wearing shoes. Thank you.

Online Safety – Tuesday, 5th February

Next Tuesday we will be having a 'safer internet day' with the children. We will be learning about staying safe online and completing activities linked to this. We are planning a parent online safety workshop and we will communicate the date and time to you when this has been arranged.

As a mum of two teenage children, I completely empathise with how difficult monitoring children's activity whilst using technology and reducing the time they spend on devices can be. It is a parenting nightmare! However, there are methods we can use to keep our children safe and I am hoping the workshop will support us all with this current difficulty.

Road Safety

Please can I remind parents of the importance of reversing into car parking spaces to ensure the safety of our school community. In addition, please could children and families use the designated pedestrian path to walk to and from school.

A parent has recently brought to my attention, awareness for other school pupils who are transported by minibuses and coaches in our locality and have limited safe places to cross the road. Can I remind you to drive with due care and attention and within the speed limits indicated, during school drop off and collection.

Following a bulletin from the local authority of an extremely tragic incident recently, I urge you to be mindful for the safety of all children. Thank you.

Dance Sessions – Monday Afternoon (Full P.E Kit required by all children)

All children are enjoying our dance provision by Briony from 'Smart Steps' on a Monday afternoon. Please ensure children have a full P.E. kit in school each Monday now as well as on Tuesdays. Thank you.

Bikeability, Years 5 and 6 - Consent Required by Friday, 1st February

Please ensure that you return the completed consent form enabling your child to participate in Bikeability after the half term break ***by Friday, 1st February at the latest.*** We will be finalising numbers and equipment requirements next week so need all responses to enable us to plan accordingly. Thank you.

Music Club , Monday Afternoons – Instruments needed every week please!

If your child takes part in Music Club with Martin Jones each Monday please ensure they have their instruments in school. Martin is working on several pieces that the children need their guitars, ukuleles, violin, flutes and clarinets for. Thank you.

Indoor Playtime Resources

We would like to provide children with a greater variety of activities during any break times where the weather means it is not possible to play outside. If you are able to donate any unwanted board games, puzzle or colouring books and magazines we would be very grateful. Thank you.

Battery Recycling

As you know we are hoping to recycle as many used batteries as possible to support our application for 'Eco-friendly school' status. The recycling container has arrived and is situated in the entrance to school so please bring in any batteries you have already collected at home. Thank you.



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



Winning the Battle Certificates:

Class 1 – April, Dylan, Harriet, Caian, Henry, Penelope and Anya

Class 2 – Jessica, Keira, Olivia

Class 3 – Joe, Nicole, Yvee, Kinley, Emily, Kinley, Alex and Mia

Winning House: Gallipoli

Church and Community News

Tickets for the Quiz Night, advertised below, are also available from the school office.



Fundraiser Quiz Night

Home-cooked Pasta Bolognese supper

Come along with friends for frolics, facts & fun

Knighton Village Hall

is hosting this community event
to raise essential funds for its upkeep

Friday 8th February 7.30pm

Teams of 4
Tickets **£7.50 per person**

Bring your own drinks & glasses

Prize Raffle

Tickets in advance from
Diane Crook 01630 647108
Graham Sedgley 07831 877777

Charity Number: 216672



The Friends of St Mary's Church,
Mucklestone

Hearty Soup and Puds

Sunday, 17 February 2019

1.00 pm at

The Old Rectory, Mucklestone

Tickets £8 from Liz on 647542 or
liz.vallings@btinternet.com

Bring your own drinks please

Proceeds for Church maintenance



FOSMS News

Fashion Show & Clothes Sale

Enjoy an evening of fashion & fun!

Try on and buy high street brands including John Lewis, Fatface, White Stuff, Boden, Wallis & many more.

Friday 1st MARCH
Venue: Ashley Memorial Hall

Tickets £10 each (includes a glass of bubbly and canapes upon arrival)

From 7:15pm
Show starts 7:30pm

Tickets available from the school office: 01630 672126

Bar, snacks & raffle

Raising funds for St. Mary's Church of England Primary School, Mucklestone

Fashion Show and Clothes sale – 7.15pm, Friday 1st March at Ashley Memorial Hall

Please join us for an evening of fashion and fun! Tickets cost £10 and include a glass of bubbly and canapes on arrival.

The fashion show takes place at 7.30pm after which there will be the opportunity to browse the clothes and purchase at a discounted rate. Brands on sale will include John Lewis, Fatface, White Stuff, Boden and Wallis.

If you would like to volunteer to model the clothes during the show please let Lucie Barber or Dawn Carter know as soon as possible. All models will have their hair professionally styled by Leah from Salon Vie, Nantwich as well as having the first opportunity to purchase any items of clothing.

In addition, if you are able to donate a raffle prize for the draw taking place during the evening please bring any items to the school office. We look forward to seeing you at the event, thank you 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.

Full governing board meeting – Parent invite 6pm	12/2/19
Hearty Soup and Puds, 1pm at the Old Rectory	17/2/19
Half term holiday	18/2/19-22/2/19
Bikeability Level 2 – Years 5 and 6	26/02/2019 and 27/02/2019
FOSMS Fashion Show – more details to follow	1/03/2019
The Big Sing – Victoria Hall, Hanley (more details to follow)	6/3/19
Red Nose Day	15/03/2019
Dove Dale 'Putting Wow into worship' 10 pupils from Year 5 and 6	21/3/19 -22/3/19
Class 3 – Visit to Regent Theatre, Hanley to watch Warhorse 7.30pm	01/04/2019
Parent Consultation Evenings	08/04/2019 and 10/04/2019
Full governing board meeting- Parent invite 6pm	9/4/19
Easter egg hunt and Easter bonnet parade Easter service in church – 2.30pm Staff and pupils break up for Easter holiday	12/4/19 Please note change of time.
Pupils return for Summer term	29/4/19
May day	6/5/19
FOSMS Quiz Night – Knighton Village Hall	10/05/19
SATS week Key Stage 2	13/5/19
Half term holiday	27/5/19-31/5/19
Summer Fayre 12pm to 4pm	8/6/19 N.B. New date
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