



St Mary's CE (A) Primary School

Newsletter – 13th September 2021

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Car Park

Please can I remind all parents that if they are leaving school by car, pedestrians walking to school (who are trying to ensure their child is here on time) have priority and right of way when walking through the school gates and should not have to wait for a line of cars to leave. Many thanks for your support on this matter.

Crisp packets – FOSMS Collection

Thank you to all those who had been collecting crisp packets over the summer holiday. Whilst we are no longer collecting any you have can be donated to the collection at Loggerheads Co-op. Please look out for our next FOSMS collection project.

Covid - Staff absences

Two members of staff have reported positive lateral flow tests this morning and are currently awaiting their PCR test results. As long as staffing levels in school remain safe and manageable and we are able to operate the school will remain open. However, can I please remind all parents and carers the importance of continuing to use lateral flow testing for their child/children to minimise the spread of the virus and identify those who may be infected but asymptomatic.

School Uniform Policy - Update

A huge thank you to you all for ensuring children attend school looking super smart in their full school uniform. A polite reminder regarding hair accessories - please ensure they are small and school colours only please.

P.E. Kit – please could all children wear a white polo shirt (not t-shirt) and navy blue shorts for all sports activities, including After School Club. Thank you.

Calling any Eco-friendly parents

We would like to begin working towards our next eco award and are looking for any enthusiastic parents who would be able to give some time to the school to support us. Please contact Mrs Sellman in the school office if you are interested. Thank you.



Nativity Play

Please note there has been a date and venue change for the school nativity play this year. The children will not be performing at school but at Tern Hill Hall on **Tuesday 7th December at 6pm.**

There will be only one performance as we are able to accommodate larger numbers at Tern Hill. More details to follow.



School Photographer

Our school photographer will be here tomorrow morning. If you would like a photograph of your children, including younger siblings who do not attend school, please call into the school hall from 8.15am where the photographer will be available. Please ensure children wear their full school uniform for their photographs.



A warm welcome awaits you at any of the services at
St Mary's Church, Muckleston: 11:15am every Sunday morning
The next Family Service will be on **Sunday 26th September at 11:15am**
Members of Children's Church Club will be helping to lead the service.
Please join us if you can. For further information please contact me:
deniseakeen@btinternet.com / 07761 446753
Please let me know by **Tuesday 21st September**, either direct or through the school office, whether or not your child is able to take part. Thank you.

Woodwind Tuition – Spaces Available

If your child would like to participate in flute, clarinet or recorder lessons each Friday morning with Mrs Gibson please contact me or Mrs Sellman for more details.

FOSMS 1st Annual Black Tie Ball - CANCELLED

Unfortunately, due to a lower than hoped initial uptake on tickets and a number of recent cancellations, we no longer have the numbers to make the event a success for the FOSMS charity.

A full refund will be provided to all parents and friends who purchased tickets so please contact the school office to arrange collection at your earliest convenience.

Should you wish to donate your deposit to FOSMS your support, as always, would be greatly appreciated and the money will be used to benefit each of our children.

Our sincere thanks to everyone who supported this event - please do not despair if you had bought your outfit already; we hope to plan another ball next year!

In the meantime, look out for some exciting family events happening in the near future and take a look below at other ways you can support FOSMS through our ongoing initiatives listed below.

FOSMS – Ongoing Initiatives

Amazon Smile

If you already use the Amazon App:

Download or **update** to the latest version of the **Amazon Shopping app** on **your** phone. You can find it in the **App Store** for iOS or **Google Play** for **Android**. Open the **app** and find 'Settings' in the main menu (☰). Tap on '**AmazonSmile**' and follow the on-screen instructions to turn on **AmazonSmile** on **your** phone. Then choose **Friends Of St Mary's School Mucklestone, Oakley, EW**.

If you do not have the App:

Sign in to **smile.amazon.com** on your desktop or mobile phone browser. From your desktop, go to Your **Account** and select the option to Change your Charity. Or, from your mobile browser, select Change your Charity from the options at the bottom of the page. Select **Friends Of St Mary's School Mucklestone, Oakley, EW**.

Co-op – Local Community Fund

The below link takes you straight to St Mary's sign up page- if you are not a member you can still sign up to be a member through the below URL.

<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/53409>

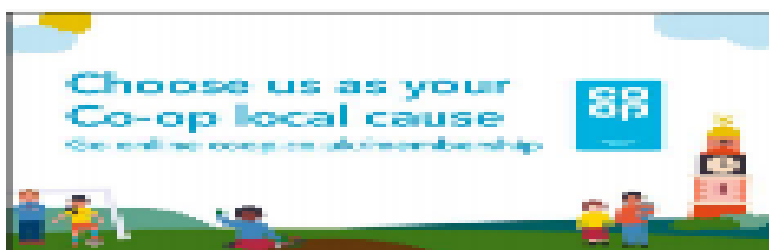
The key thing is this is only given on Co-op products or services and is not restricted to our local store- so if you have friends or family that use the Co-op a lot, no matter where they live in the UK they can choose to support us.

Easy Fundraising

This one is not quite as straight forward but please have a look as there are so many companies on there that I'm sure we all use on a regular basis including M&S, Argos, booking.com and Domino's!

You can go online at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> or download the Easy funding app and select **Friends of St Mary's School (FOSMS) – Mucklestone, Market Drayton**.

The poster features the St Mary's Mucklestone logo at the top left and the 'YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY' logo at the top right. Two large, colorful 'WIN' graphics with stars and explosion effects are prominent. Below them, the text reads 'SUPPORT OUR LOTTERY' and 'It's A WIN-WIN Situation!'. A starburst graphic contains the text 'BOOST School Funds WIN up to £25,000'. At the bottom left is a QR code, and at the bottom right is a starburst graphic that says 'TICKETS £1 EACH'. The bottom section of the poster is yellow and contains the text: 'To start supporting, visit: YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play and search for: St Marys Mucklestone'. A small disclaimer at the very bottom right reads 'Supporters must be 16 years of age or older'.



Diary Dates 2021-22

Changes noted in red

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
13/9/21	Reception in full time
14/9/21	Whole School – photographs (Siblings from 8.15am)
15/9/21	Fire drill – whole school
17/9/21	FOSMS Ball, 7pm Tern Hill Hall - CANCELLED
24/9/21	New Beginnings Music Concert
26/9/21	11.15am Family Eucharist
1/10/21	Black History month begins
WB 4/10/21	Family Finish Class 3 (RR to arrange date)
8/10/21	Eccleshall Music Festival – more details to follow
8/10/21	Harvest Supper – more details to follow
10/10/21	11.15 am Harvest and New Starters Service in Church – followed by BBQ or picnic in school or school grounds
15/10/21	Class 2 – Parents invited to celebration – Class 2 assembly 2.15 pm– Christian Value Time change for one week due to Class 3 swimming
21/10/21	Non uniform day for winning house point team
22/10/20	Break up for half term
1/11/21	INSET Day 2
2/11/21	Pupils return to school
9/11/21 onwards	Parent consultation week Class 1 Family Finish Session – HR to arrange day and time.
11/11/21	Flu vaccinations Reception and Year 6 Remembrance service in Church - Classes lead with staff
WB 15/11/21	Class 2 Family finish session (DC to organise date and time)
19/11/21	Class 1 parents invited to celebration 2.45pm
26/11/21	Class 3 Worship – Christian Value 2.15pm – Class 3 parents invited to celebration that follows
28/11/21	Family Eucharist Service
7/12/21	Nativity performance 6pm – Tern Hill Hall (Whole School)
12/12/21	Family Christingle
WB 13/12/21	End Autumn progress reports out to parents
WB 13/12/21	Christmas Activity Week
14/12/22	Non uniform day for HP winning team
15/12/21	Christmas party day
16/12/21	Christmas jumper day and Santa visit
17/12/21	9.30 am Christmas Service in church Break up for Christmas
4/1/22	INSET Day 3
5/1/22	Children return to school for Spring Term
14/1/22	Class 1 parents celebration
23/01/21	Family Eucharist
WB 24/1/22	Parent consultation week Class 3 Family finish week
11/2/22	Class 3 parents celebration
13/2/21	Family Eucharist

WB 14/2/22	Class 2 family finish week
17/2/22	Non-uniform day for winning team
WB 18/2/22	Break up for half term
WB 28/2/22	Class 2 parents celebration
27/03/21	Mothering Sunday Family Service
WB 4/4/22	Spring reports out to parents Class 1 family finish
8/4/22	Easter Service in Church 9.30 am Break up for Easter holiday
25/4/22	INSET DAY 4
26/4/22	School opens for staff and pupils – Summer term
2/5/22	Bank Holiday – School closed
WB 9/5/22	SATS week to be confirmed
20/5/22	Class 1 assembly 2.15pm followed by Class 1 parents invited to celebration assembly
27/5/21	Children break up for half term
6/6/22	Bank holiday TBC
28/6/22	New parents evening
1/7/22 or 8/7/22	Sport's day or reserve date if poor weather
WB 4/7/22	High school visits for Year 6 – transition days to be arranged
WB 4/7/22	Year 6 activity week Ideas – Theme park, pub lunch, picnic in the park, camp night in school, cinema etc.
WB 10/7/22	Leaver's service in church 11.15am followed by BBQ or picnic in school grounds
WB 11/7/22	Parent consultation week
13/7/22	End of your production - rehearsal
14/7/22	End of Year production 2pm and 6pm Ashley village hall
WB 17/7/22 10/7 (this service is usually 2nd Sunday in July)	Leaver's service in church 11.15am followed by BBQ or picnic in school grounds
WB 18/7/22	End of year reports out to parents
WB 20/7/22	Children break up for the summer holiday
21/7/21	INSET day 5
6/9/22	School starts for pupils

Residential trip dates and class trips to be confirmed