



St Mary's CE (A) Primary School

Newsletter – 2nd September 2021

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Welcome back to you all!

I hope you had a wonderful summer holiday, spending time with your friends and families. I am sure the children are now ready to join their new classes, next year groups and begin another journey in their primary education. We hope this year will be settled and allow staff and children to re-establish hard-working routines without disruption.

School Uniform Policy

A reminder that we have updated our school uniform policy. A copy is attached to the newsletter for your attention. Please ensure all pupils attend school wearing their named and correct, full uniform each day. If you have any questions; please do not hesitate to contact school.

Equipment for School

Can I also remind parents of the importance of ensuring their child/children have all of their books needed in school and homework is completed and returned on the days specified by your class teacher.

Daily reading is important and regular spellings and times table practise is so beneficial for your child. Clean named bottles of water (no juice please) are also essential throughout the day.



Dropping off and collecting children from school

As Covid 19 restrictions continue to lift, we are hoping to return to our original routines during the start and end times of the school day. A polite reminder please that school commences at 8.45am and finishes at 3.15pm

It is essential your child arrives to school on time to commence early morning activities and does not receive a late or absent mark during registration.

In the morning, children may wait by the school gate until a member of staff opens the side gate at 8.45am enabling them to walk around the path to their classroom doors and be greeted by their class teacher. This is with the exception of Reception pupils who will be asked to walk into school via the gate on the left side (next to the hall and garden area) to be greeted by Miss Redfern for the first few days as they settle into school. *Please note; Reception children will attend school from 8.45am until 12 noon on Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September. From Monday 6th September Reception pupils will be arriving at 8.45am and leaving at 1pm after they have eaten lunch and had a short play time. From Monday 13th September Reception pupils will then attend for the full school day and be fully phased into school.*

At 3.15pm a member of staff will open the side gate next to the office to allow parents and carers to walk around the side of the school, following the path and wait outside their child's classroom door. Children will be dismissed to parents by their class teacher. Please be aware that Miss Redfern is not yet familiar with all parents and we ask that when she dismisses her children you call your child's name to assist her in safely handing over your child and allowing her the chance to get to know all of our families.

From September 2021, parents who continually arrive later than 3.15pm to collect their child will be charged a late collection fee. Children who have not been collected at the end of the school day will be sent to after school club and a charge will be made for their late collection.

Thank you for your support and co-operation.

Late attendance to school

Please note that your child will receive a late mark if they are late for morning registration. Children complete important, early morning activities during the first 15 minutes of the day and missing these sessions regularly means over time a significant amount of learning time is lost. A letter will be issued to parents/carers of pupils who are continually late and Governors will be informed.

Healthy Snacks and packed lunches

Please can I remind parents to send healthy food choices for morning break time and healthy lunch box options.

Messages and Communication

Please continue to pass messages onto the member of staff at the gate each morning contact Mrs Sellman in the school office by phone or email 01630 672126 or office@st-marys-mucklestone.staffs.sch.uk

This will prevent congestion in the school entrance area each morning and allows staff and pupils to quickly settle to lesson time without distraction. If you have any concerns, you wish to discuss with your child's class teacher please email them to arrange a meeting or telephone call in the first instance. Many thanks.

Pencil Cases

From 2nd September 2021, Class 3 pupils only will be allowed to bring in a pencil case including their own items to use in class. No calculators please and the pencil case should be small enough to fit into your child's tray.

Before School Club Bookings

If you wish for your child to attend Before School Club you will be required to give at least 48 hours' notice. We do not accept children who attend without being booked in.

FOSMS 1st Annual Black Tie Ball at Tern Hill Hall, 7pm Friday 17th September 2021

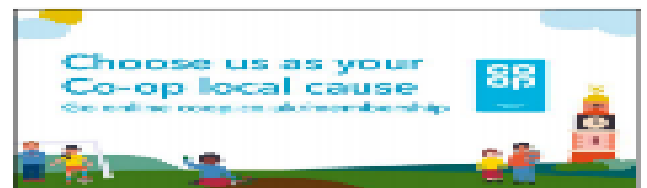
Thank you to everyone who has returned their reply slips and deposit payments indicating they would like to buy tickets for FOSMS black tie event in September.

If you haven't told us, you would like to come along it's not too late... please ask all your friends and family to join us too. We would love this event to be a huge success so the more the merrier!

Please give your deposit to Mrs Sellman confirming how many tickets you would like to purchase.

PE Lessons – Monday Afternoons

PE lessons will take place each Monday from Monday 6th September. Your child will no longer be required to come into school dressed in their PE kit but will be given the opportunity to change at lunch time. We will then encourage your child to leave their PE kit on their peg until Friday when they can bring their kit home to be washed.



A Fond Farewell

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs HB – our fantastic guitar and ukulele teacher. We will be considering her replacement and will confirm further details when we are able to. We would like to thank her for all of the years she has spent at St Mary's and the dedication to developing music talent with our pupils.

Good luck and best wishes for the future from everyone at St Mary's.

Diary Dates 2021-22

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
1/9/21	INSET Day 1
2/9/21	Pupils in school – return for Autumn term Reception until 12 noon
7/9/21	School council elections (HD and SG)
10/9/21	Class 3 Swimming commences
13/9/21	Reception in full time
15/9/21	Fire drill – whole school
17/9/21	FOSMS Ball, 7pm Tern Hill Hall
21/9/21	School photographs – all staff
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	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 Christingle Service
9/12/21	Nativity performance 2pm and 6pm Staff appraisal reviews
12/12/21	Family Eucharist
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