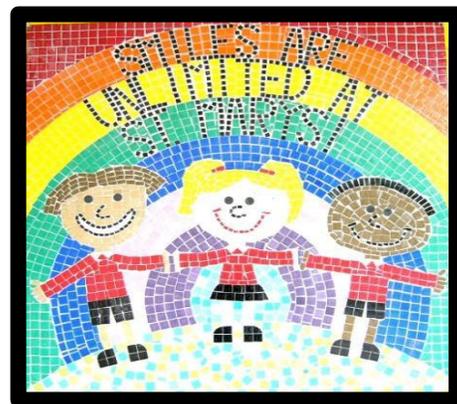


St Mary's C.E. (A) Primary School

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Upcoming Events

Sunday 22nd September

Reception and Year 6 Teddy Bear's Picnic at school – 2.30pm

Thursday 12th September

Reception Parents Phonics Meeting 2pm

Friday 20th September

Reception and Year 6 Buddies' Presentation 9.15am

Year Group Transition meetings – come and find out about your child's new year group expectations.

Wednesday 11th September

Year 1 and 2
3.30-4.30pm and 4.30-5.30pm

Thursday 12th September

Year 3,4,5 and 6
3.30-4.30pm and 4.30-5.30pm

Please let the office know if you are attending.

Welcome back!

Welcome to a new school year – and a particularly warm welcome to the families of Reception children and those who have joined other classes. We hope that you will be very happy at St Mary's. If you have any questions of any kind, please do not hesitate to ask a member of staff at the School Office, Mrs Slater or Mrs Taylor will be more than happy to assist you.

Staffing News

We welcome Miss Sarah Cuerden to St Mary's who has been appointed as our new Year 4 teacher and to Miss Nicola Wilkinson who has also rejoined our teaching team once again. We hope you will be very happy here.

We also offer many congratulations to Hannah Bosnjak, our Year 1 teacher who became Mrs Hannah Kent after marrying her husband Rick in the holidays. We hope you will join us in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Kent a wonderful life together.

As you will be aware, Mr. Moore left St Mary's at the end of July and we are currently in the process of recruiting a new site manager. We will of course keep you updated in due course of our new appointment. In the meantime, do we have any willing parents or grandparents who would be willing to take charge of our hanging baskets around school and get them autumn and winter ready. If you have an interest in this and would be willing to help with this, please contact the school office for details.

Communication

The School Newsletter is published on the first Wednesday of each month, or as soon as possible thereafter. This and most other communication is sent via Teachers2Parents, an on-line email

system. As an Eco-School, we urge all of you to register your details in order that we can contact you efficiently. Class Newsletters are typically sent out on a half-termly basis and contain details about the staffing, routines and learning within year groups.

Celebration Worship

Each Friday, we celebrate the learning and achievements of children in School by holding a Celebration Worship at 9.15am. Parents, families and friends are most welcome. Each week, a child from each class is chosen to receive the Head Teacher's Learning Award and Behaviour Award. Birthday Certificates are also presented. The first Celebration Worship will take place on Friday 13th September.

Class Presentations are often part of Celebration Worship. Do join us to find out more about what your child has been learning. Presentations begin at 9.15am.

St Mary's Stars

It is wonderful to see the children wearing their red and golden stars around school. These badges were presented at the end of last year for all those children who had upheld our SCARF principles and values throughout the whole of the year. We are very proud of them and please if you have been given one, wear it with pride. Should you lose a star during the course of the year, they can be purchased from the office for £2.

Safeguarding

Before and After School

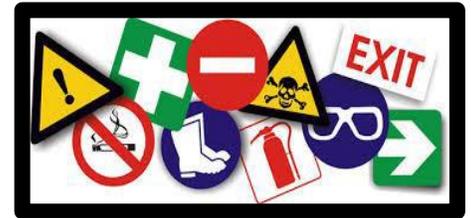
For the safety of children and adults, we kindly ask your children to refrain from playing football and other ball games before school begins. The Trim Trail is also out of bounds before and after school. Children should not ride bicycles or scooters on the school playground.

Dogs

Dogs are not allowed on the grounds of St Mary's C.E. (A) Primary School (unless used as an aid to visual impairment or disability).

Parking

We are enormously grateful to our families for using the Visitors' Car Park. Please do not park on the Staff Car Park either before or after



Attendance and Punctuality

Holidays

School will not authorise holidays during term time unless there are extreme exceptional circumstances. This is a result of the Department of Education amending the Education Regulations 2006 governing requests for holidays in term time. Any unauthorised absence may result in the School Attendance Improvement Service issuing a Penalty Notice. A list of term dates for next year and holidays is attached. Please refer to this when booking holidays and avoid taking children out of School during term time.

First Aid

If you receive a form stating that your child has been given First Aid during the day, please sign and return it to School for our records.

school as access is required for staff cars and also for deliveries. It is also putting your children at risk if you park or stop on the zigzag lines outside School. Please refrain from doing so.

Appointments

If your child has to leave the school during the day to attend an appointment, please confirm this in writing beforehand, either by a handwritten note, appointment card or email. Come to the Office entrance to collect your child and ensure they are signed out. Please also bring a copy of the appointment card.

Arrival at School and Registration

Please note that school starts at 8.55am. A staff member unlocks the gate at 8.50am and will be on duty outside until 9.00am.

As a further strategy to encourage greater independence in our older children, please leave Key Stage 2 children at the gate rather than accompanying them to the main playground door or classroom.

We encourage all children to become independent as soon as possible and ask that they enter school on their own. Staff will present in classes from 8.45am. Reception children and parents can come directly into class from 8.50am for the first term.

The teachers are very busy first thing in the morning meeting and greeting the children so therefore if you have any messages for the staff, please do this via the school office.

Lunchtimes

Dinner Money

Dinner money is £2.30. Please ensure your payments via ParentPay are up to date. If you have any queries or need support accessing ParentPay, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office staff who will gladly guide you through the process. Please remember that a three day per week school dinner option is also available at a cost of £6.90 per week.

Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch will be on Thursday 5th December. If your child has packed lunch but would like a Christmas meal on the day in question, please return the slip at the end of this newsletter. The closing date for orders is Friday 25th October 2019 and requests will not be accepted after this date.

Milk

If you have an infant child who would like a daily carton of milk, the cost of this is now 20p per day (£1 per week). A letter has been sent home regarding this but please contact the office for further details.

Healthy School

We pride ourselves on being a healthy school, encouraging children to make a range of positive choices to support a healthy lifestyle. Infant children have fruit provided at snack time and Key Stage 2 children can bring in one piece of fruit or a selection of raw vegetables for break. Please do not send in crisps or other snacks. If your child has a packed lunch, please try to limit sugary foods to one item. School water bottles should be used each day in school. These can be washed in school or at home and should be refilled on a daily basis. Please do not fill bottles with juice. Children are encouraged to drink water at regular intervals, this being a proven way of improving concentration and raising energy levels.

Contacting Teaching Staff

Contact is made through the office

If you have a concern you wish to discuss with your child's teacher or the Headteacher, please make an appointment via the school office. When the bell rings at 8.55am, it is the teacher's responsibility to supervise their class, however this cannot be done effectively if a teacher is engaged in conversation.

Should you wish to communicate by email, please send your email to the following address:-

info@greenfieldstmary.oldham.sch.uk

with FAO of the member of staff in the Subject Line.

Mrs Slater will then notify the relevant staff member.

Please do not use their personal email. Many thanks.



Medicines

Medicine may be administered by school staff only in the event of an allergic reaction and/or life threatening situation or within the guidance of a full medical care plan.

A child may keep a labelled inhaler in School, to self-administer. Please check regularly that your child has a full inhaler that is well within its expiry date.

We are unable to administer antibiotics, Calpol or other temporary medication.

If your child needs medicine during the school day, you are welcome to come into school to administer this. You may also nominate another adult to do this in your place.

Please do not send throat lozenges with your child.

If your child has a sickness bug, the school policy is that they remain off school for 48 hours following the last bout of sickness. Please enquire at the office for any other advice related to illnesses or infections.

Questions, queries, concerns....

In the first instance, please speak to your child's class teacher, by making an appointment through the office.

If you have a concern that has not be solved after talking to your child's class teacher, please make an appointment to see your child's Key Stage Leader in the first instance.

- Mr. R. Selby is Deputy Head Teacher and Key Stage 2 Leader – Year 3,4,5,6.
- Mrs. K Blackburn is Key Stage 1 Leader. – Year R,1,2.

Any concerns raised with these members of staff are brought to my attention.

Uniform Regulations



Clothing and Footwear

All items should be labelled clearly with your child's name.

- waterproof coat with a hood (every day)
- red embroidered school sweatshirt or red embroidered/plain cardigan
- red embroidered school fleece
- plain white/red or embroidered school polo shirt or plain white shirt/blouse (long/short sleeved)
- dark grey/black trousers (dark grey/black jogging pants may be worn in Reception) or dark grey/black shorts
- plain dark grey/black skirt or plain dark grey/black pinafore dress
- red gingham dress
- plain black shoes, red/blue sandals - no trainers, football boots, ankle boots, mid-calf length boots or knee-high boots
- plain socks or tights in accordance with the uniform colour scheme (black, grey, red, white)
- hair accessories e.g. bands, bobbles, clips should be in accordance with the uniform colour scheme (black, grey, red and white)

Jewellery

For safety reasons, only the following items of jewellery are permitted:

- a watch
- plain, stud earrings - no hoops or earrings that dangle

Please be aware that children will be asked to remove any other items of jewellery.

Nail varnish or tattoos are not to be worn.

Hair

Long hair should be tied back at all times during the school day. Hair accessories, as specified above, should be in accordance with the uniform colour scheme. Large jojo bows are not permitted.

Lines, patterns shaved into the hair or hairstyles which are extreme are not permitted.

PE Kit

All items should be labelled clearly with your child's name and kept in a draw-string bag.

- black pumps for indoor PE
- plain dark shorts
- plain white round necked T-shirt
- trainers for outdoor PE
- plain dark jogging bottoms and tracksuit top for outdoor sport in cold weather

Please note that no jewellery of any kind may be worn in PE. If your child wears earrings, they should be able to remove them independently. Only newly pierced ears may be covered with plasters.

Governor News

Autumn 2019

We have a committed and dedicated team of Governors at St Mary's. The Governing Body strives to support and challenge the school's leadership team, ensuring the best possible outcomes for our children. The Governing Body meets twice per term, once to discuss school issues and once to address Local Authority Actions. A range of sub-committees meets regularly. All Governors have a link class and make regular visits to school, whilst some hold subject link responsibilities.

We welcome Ruth Broadhurst, a new PCC Governor and Andrea Healy, our new LA Governor. We look forward to inducting them into our team.

Link Classes for 2019-20

Reception	Sarah Roberts	Class 1 Rachel Swanwick, Ryan Selby
Class 2	Letizia Alterno	Ruth Broadburst
Class 3	Mark Rahn	Andrea Healy
Class 4	Debbie Dorobat	Reverend Barbara Christopher
Class 5	Elizabeth Pilkington	David Howcroft
Class 6	Graham McGuffie	Sam Dainty

Governor Body Meeting Dates for Autumn 2019

Curriculum Policy and Standards Committee

Friday 11th October 8.30am

Resources and Premises Committee

Wednesday 18th September 6.15pm

Diamonds Committee

Friday 4th October 3.30pm

Main Governing Body Meeting

Wednesday 2nd October 7pm

RE, Worship and Pastoral Committee

Wednesday 25th September 3.30pm

Admissions

Friday 25th October 8.30am

Community News and Links

Online Primary and Secondary School Applications

Applications for Primary and Secondary School places for September 2020 can be made online now. For children living in Oldham, applications should be made via Oldham Admissions. For children living outside the Borough, applications should be made via your Local Authority. The deadline for making a Secondary School application is 31st October 2019 5pm. The deadline for a Primary School application is 15th January 2020 5pm

Saddleworth Olympics

The opening ceremony will take place on Saturday 8th September at 9.00am at Saddleworth School. Good luck everyone, in particular to the Greenfield team! Further information regarding Saddleworth Olympics can be found on their website: www.saddleworthvillageolympics.co.uk

St Mary's PTFA

Following the exceptional success of the efforts of our PTFA last year, this promises to be another incredible year. Please note the following dates:

Sunday 22nd September 2.30pm

PTFA Reception and Year 6 Buddies Family Picnic will take place on Sunday 22nd September in the school grounds. This is a chance for Reception children to spend time with their buddies and for parents of Reception children to meet with Year 6 parents and members of the PTFA. The PTFA will provide drinks, parents are welcome to bring a picnic.

Wednesday 25th September 8pm

The next PTFA AGM will take place on the 25th September starting at 8pm in the School hall. If you are not a member of the PTFA but would like to join, or just know a little bit more about what our amazing PTFA do, please feel free to attend the meeting, everyone is welcome.

Outdoor Coats

Please ensure that your child comes appropriately dressed to school with a waterproof coat in case of rain. Thank you for supporting us in this matter.



Learning Challenge Curriculum

Our skills-based Learning Challenge Curriculum is made up of a range of topics that reflect the content of the National Curriculum. Continuity and progression is borne out of careful planning based on the children's interests. Individual class teachers will provide more details of forthcoming topics in their Newsletters.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Extra-curricular activities will start week commencing Monday 23rd September. A letter with details of our provision will be sent out early next week together with registration details.

Music Tuition

Brass lessons will take place on a Friday. Lessons will start on Friday 13th September.

Keyboard lessons will take place on a Wednesday. Lessons will start on Wednesday 11th September.

Guitar and Ukulele lessons will take place on Tuesday afternoon this year. Private lessons start with Hazel Davies on Tuesday 10th September

Closing thoughts.....

After a lovely summer break, it is fantastic to welcome the children back to school. They all look extremely smart in their school uniform and it has been an absolute pleasure to observe the positive, enthusiastic manner with which they have started this new school year. Learning behaviour throughout the classrooms has been superb whilst the atmosphere on the playground at break and at lunchtime has been tremendous.

It proposes to be another busy term in the life of St Mary's and I would like to encourage as many of you as possible to become involved in school life, either in class, around school or with the PTFA.

God's Richest Blessings for the coming term. I look forward to another happy and successful year working in partnership with you, and if I haven't seen you already, I look forward to doing so soon!

With very best wishes,

Mrs S. M. Hall

Head Teacher

St Mary's C.E. (A) Primary School

Christmas Lunch – Thursday 5th December 2019

I would like my child _____ in Class _____ to have a Christmas lunch. I will make payment via ParentPay/ my child is entitled to universal free school meals.

PE Bag

I would like to buy a PE bag for my child _____ in Class _____ and enclose payment in the sum of £4.50

St Mary's C.E. (A) Primary School - Autumn Term 1 - Diary Dates						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
2 nd Sept Inset Day	3 rd Sept Inset Day	4 th Return to school	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th
9 th	10 th Ukulele/Guitar lessons begin	11 th Keyboard lesson begin Year 1 and 2 Year Group Transition Meetings 3.30 and 4.30pm	12 th Reception Phonics meeti 2pm Year 3,4,5 and 6 Group Transition Meetings 3.30 and 4.30pm	13 th Brass lessons begin	14 th	15 th
16 th Science and Faith Fair Year 5 and 6	17 th	18 th	19 th	20 th Reception and Year 6 Buddies' presentation	21 st	22 nd PTFA Teddy Bear's Picnic for Reception and their Buddies and families – 2.30pm
23 rd Clubs begin	24 th	25 th 8pm PTFA AGM meeting in the school hall	26 th	27 th	28 th	29 th Harvest Festival in Church – Class 2
30 th	1 st October	2 nd Open Day visits 10am and 2pm Governors' meeting	3 rd Nasal Flu – Y6 and R	4 th	5 th	6 th
7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th Open Day visits 10am and 2pm	11 th	12 th	13 th
14 th	15 th	16 th	17 th	18 th	19 th	20 th
21 st	22 nd	23 rd Open Day visits 10am and 2pm	24 th Parent Teacher Meetings 2-8pm	25 th Autumn HEAT Day Break Up for Half Term (1 week)	26 th	27 th
28 th Half Term	29 th	30 th	31 st Deadline for Secondary School Applications	1 st November	2 nd	3 rd

ACADEMIC YEAR 2019-20 – SCHOOL HOLIDAY PATTERN

OPENING DATES	CLOSING DATES	NUMBER OF SCHOOL DAYS
AUTUMN TERM		
Inset days Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September		
Wednesday 4 th September	Friday 25 th October	38
OCTOBER HALF TERM		
Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November		
Monday 4 th November	Thursday 19 th December	34
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS		
Friday 20th December – Friday 3rd January		

SPRING TERM		
Monday 6 th January	Friday 14 th February	30
FEBRUARY HALF TERM		
Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February		
Monday 24 th February	Friday 3 rd April	30
EASTER HOLIDAYS		
Monday 6th April – Friday 17th April		

SUMMER TERM		
Monday 20 th April	Friday 22 nd May	24
MAY HALF TERM		
Monday 25th May – Friday 5th June (Whit Friday)		
Monday 8 th June	Thursday 23 rd July	34
SUMMER HOLIDAY		
Friday 24th July – Wednesday 2nd September (tbc)		
	Total School Days	190

Please note that the school is also closed on the following dates:

Friday 8th May 2020 - Bank Holiday Friday – VE Day Celebrations
Please note School is open on Monday 4th May 2020