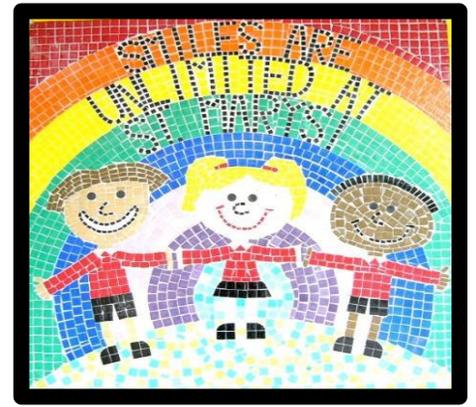


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Operation Christmas Child



St Mary's is supporting *Operation Christmas Child*. Run by the Charity *Samaritan's Purse*, this initiative brings together the work of a large number of schools in packing, wrapping and sending shoeboxes filled with gifts to needy children around the world. Representatives from *Groundbreakers* will shortly visit school to speak to our children about the impact of this work. A leaflet will be sent home this week that contains more information about this most worthy cause. We do hope that you will be keen to pledge your support. Please can we ask for shoe boxes to be in school within the next 3 weeks.

Truly Amazing!

Hopefully you will all have received the latest PTFA Newsletter informing you of their amazing fund raising achievements last year. They raised an astonishing £16,663.50.

Each class has again this year been awarded £1,000.00 to spend. This money is truly welcomed by teachers and it is spent on classroom resources, trips and enrichments activities etc. EVERY child in school benefits from this much needed extra funding.

Sam Berry is the newly elected Chair of the PTFA and we wish her every success this year. The PTFA are only successful due to the members they have and their commitment to raising as much money as possible. If you would like to come to any meetings, help arrange any events or have any ideas for new fundraising events, please do speak to Sam. A BIG thank you also to all the families who support the amazing events the PTFA put on.

Upcoming Events

Monday 11th November

Individual School
Photograph

Friday 15th November

BBC Children in Need

Sunday 24th November

Christingle Service in Church

Friday 29th November

Class 5 Assembly

Community News and Links.

Applications for Primary School places for September 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 a Primary School application is 15th January 2020 5pm.

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 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 be 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.



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.

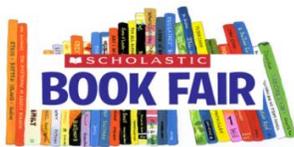
Thank you

On Sunday 6th October a delightful Teddy Bears' Picnic was enjoyed by Reception Children and Year 6 Buddies, their families and PTFA members. It was a great way to get to know parents and share details about what our PTFA do.



Lest We Forget...

As we remember those who have died and been injured in war, we are selling poppies in school to support the fundraising efforts of the Royal British Legion. The Poppy Appeal 2019 aims to raise awareness of a new generation of veterans, service personnel and their families whose lives have been profoundly affected by conflict.



The Scholastic Book Fair will be in school from Monday 18th November to Friday 22nd November 2019, with the opportunity to select from a great number of fantastic books and reading resources. Do come along to Class 6 between 3.15pm and 4pm to find out what is available. Please also watch out for details of our annual book fair competition which will be sent out by Mrs Blackburn separately in due course.



Anti-Bullying week is from Monday 11th November to Friday 15th November and the theme is 'Change Starts With Us'. A range of activities will take place across classes to raise awareness and to encourage action against bullying.



Children in Need

On Friday 15th November Year 6 children will be selling their homemade cakes/biscuits during morning break for 50p. Please send your child to school with 50p on Friday 15th November to enable them to purchase a cake. All monies raised will go to Children in Need.

Photographs

Individual photographs will be taken during the morning of Monday 11th November 2019. Anyone with pre-school children wishing to be photographed with school children, please come to the hall at 8.30am.

Milk

If you have an infant child (Year 1 and 2) 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.

Christmas 2019

GGRA Greenfield Christmas Lights Switch On

Everyone is invited to join GGRA at the bridle path on Saturday 30th November to celebrate the tree lights being switched on from 6pm.

Christmas Cards

You should all have received your child's art work. All orders should be with school by the middle of November.

Christmas Pantomime

This year we will be going to Millgate Arts Theatre, Delph to watch the pantomime which is Sleeping Beauty. on Monday 16th December KS2 children (Years 3-6) will watch the pantomime and on Tuesday 17th December Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will watch the pantomime. We will be attending the 9.45 performance so will return in plenty of time for the end of the school day. The PTFA have kindly agreed to subsidise the cost of this trip by £2.50 per child therefore we are requesting payment of £9.00 per child. Please make payment through Parentpay by the end of November. Parents of Reception children will receive a letter with instructions on how to register with Parentpay.

Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch will be on Thursday 5th December.

Christingle Service in Church

On Sunday 24th November Class 3 children will deliver a special presentation during the Christingle Service at St Mary's Church at 10.30am. Please keep the date free and join us. Your child should have brought home a Christingle Candle. Please would you be kind enough to fill it with small change in aid of 'The Children's Society' and return to school by Friday 22nd November or bring it to the Christingle Service on Sunday 24th November.

School Christmas Tree Ceremony – Monday 2nd December at 9.10am

The Christmas Tree Ceremony is an established and much-loved tradition of St Mary's. Over the years, all children have brought in a decoration for our tree and these are carefully stored in boxes, ready to go on the tree each festive season. This year, it is the turn of all children who are new to St Mary's in 2019. Therefore, please can all members of our new Reception Class and any children who have joined school during 2019 please bring in a wooden or plastic tree decoration on Monday 2nd December. At 9.10am we will meet in the Hall and the children can hang their decoration on the tree. This year we will welcome Reverend Angela Bryan to carry out our first collective worship of Advent at this event.

PTFA and St Mary's Church Christmas Fair – Saturday 7th December 2019

Following last year's amazing event, our wonderful PTFA and St Mary's Church are teaming up again to host a Christmas Fair for all families and members of the local community. There will be a variety of stalls including food, craft and beauty stalls where Christmas purchases can be made, face painting and refreshments will be available and Santa's Grotto for any children wishing to meet Father Christmas. There will also be the chance to enter a Christmas Fair Bake Off competition so get planning your ideas. The fair starts at 11am and finishes at 3pm. If you can offer in any way, please see your class PTFA representative or Sam Berry to offer your support.

Year 1 and Year 2 Infant Nativity

This Year's Nativity will take place on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th December. Both performances will start at 2pm. The Nativity will be filmed and a DVD will be available for purchase, on the understanding that these are for viewing in the family home. If you have any objection to your child being filmed, please inform the office before **Friday 15th November**. Thank you very much. Each child will be allocated 3 tickets. Please complete and return the slip below to request your tickets.

Reception Christmas Performance

Reception children will take part in a Christmas performance on Friday 13th December for their families to watch. The performance will start at 9.15am. This will not be filmed and is a lovely way for the children to take part in the Christmas festivities.

Musical Performances

All children who take part in music lessons in school will have the opportunity to perform for families and friends. Children who have guitar and ukulele lessons in school will perform on Wednesday 4th December at 9.15am and children who have brass lessons and keyboard lessons will perform on Friday 6th December at 9.15am. Families are welcome to watch.

Upcoming Christmas Events

Friday 29th November

PTFA Selection Box Bingo

Saturday 7th December

PTFA and St Mary's Church Christmas Fair

Thursday 19th December @ 8am

PTFA Christmas Breakfast

Thursday 19th December @ 9.15am

Whole School Christmas Carols in Church

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.

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)



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.



- 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.

Duty Governors

November Governors



Dr Mark Rahn
Chair of Governors
Parent Governor
Class 3 Link Governor

I have been a Parent Governor since October 2015. I live in Grasscroft with my wife Sandra, son Hugo (6) in Year 2 and daughter Amália (9), who is currently in Year 5. I am a venture capitalist and entrepreneur with a specialist interest in university spin-out companies. As a long-standing member of Dovestone Sailing Club, I can often be seen sailing around Dovestone and occasionally capsizing! I love spending time with the family on nice days out walking, picnicking and cycling.

December Governors



Ruth Broadhurst
PCC Governor
Class 2 Link Governor

I have recently been elected as a PCC Governor. I live in Uppermill with my husband and have 3 grown up daughters and 4 grandchildren. I have a varied work background and am currently a bookkeeper and an invigilator at a secondary school. I have lived in Saddleworth for over 30 years and am actively involved in local church and community activities. I enjoy crown green bowling and tai chi.



Reverend Barbara Christopher
Foundation Governor
Class 4 Link Governor

As a former pupil, I'm pleased and proud to be a Governor at St Mary's School, and as a Priest at St Mary's Church, it's a privilege to include the school in my ministry and to play a part in all that it achieves. Before taking early retirement in 2014, I worked for over thirty years in social care. My interests include reading, knitting, gentle walks, going to the theatre, and spending time with my family and friends.

Closing thoughts.....

Welcome back to school! I do hope you all had an enjoyable half-term with some opportunity for rest and relaxation and quality family time. Another busy term lies ahead with plenty of exciting learning taking place.

Our current theme for PSHE teaching and learning is 'Getting on and Falling Out', which also forms the overarching focus for Collective Worship. Against this backdrop we are striving to nurture the Christian values of courage and forgiveness. There is no better time than Remembrance Day to consider the importance of bravery and also the strength required to let go the wrongs done to us by others. What a wonderfully appropriate time for the children to continue the focus in their understanding of courage and forgiveness.

God's Richest Blessings during this time of remembrance and the coming month.

With very best wishes,

Mrs S. M. Hall

Head Teacher

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

INFANT NATIVITY PERFORMANCE - PARENTS OF YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2 CHILDREN ONLY!

Please request first or second choice. Maximum number of tickets available is 3 per child.

- I would like tickets for the Tuesday (10.12.19) performance of the Nativity @ 2pm
- I would like tickets for the Wednesday (11.12.19) performance of the Nativity @2pm

Name of child/ren..... Class

Tickets will be sent home week beginning Monday 2nd December. In the event that your first choice is not available, we will give you tickets for your second choice.

St Mary's C.E. (A) Primary School – Autumn 2 Diary Dates

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
4 Return to school	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Individual Photos Anti-bullying week	12	13 Yr 3 Linking Project	14	15 Children in Need	16	17
18 Book Fair – all week	19	20	21 Yr 5 Anglo Saxon Workshop	22	23	24 Christingle service in Church – Class 3
25	26	27	28	29 Class 5 assembly	30 Greenfield Christmas Light Switch on	1 st December
2 Christmas Tree Service 9.10am	3	4 Ukulele and Guitar assembly 9.15am	5 Christmas Dinner	6 Brass and Keyboard Assembly 9.15am	7 PTFA and St Mary's Church Christmas Fair	8
9	10 Infant Nativity	11 Infant Nativity	12	13 Reception class Christmas Performance	14	15
16 KS2 Pantomime Visit	17 KS1 Pantomime Visit	18 Christmas Parties and Christmas Hat Competition	19 PTFA Christmas Breakfast Whole School Christmas Service in Church Finish for Christmas	20	21	22

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

ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-21 – SCHOOL HOLIDAY PATTERN

OPENING DATES	CLOSING DATES	NUMBER OF SCHOOL DAYS
AUTUMN TERM		
Inset Days		
Tuesday 1 st September and Friday 23rd October		
Wednesday 2 nd September	Thursday 22 nd October	37
OCTOBER HALF TERM		
Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October		
Monday 2 nd November	Friday 18 th December	35
Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January		

SPRING TERM		
Monday 4 th January	Friday 12 th February	30
FEBRUARY HALF TERM		
Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February		
Monday 22 nd February	Thursday 1 st April	29
EASTER HOLIDAYS		
Friday 2nd April – Friday 16th April		

SUMMER TERM		
Monday 19 th April	Friday 21 st May	24
MAY HALF TERM		
Monday 24th May – Friday 4th June (Whit Friday – 28th May)		
Monday 7 th June	Friday 23 rd July	35
SUMMER HOLIDAY		
Monday 26th July – Thursday 2nd September		
	Total School Days	190

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

Monday 3rd May 2021 - Bank Holiday Monday