

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

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Welcome back!

Welcome back to school! Please accept the very best wishes of all the staff for a happy and healthy 2020, during which we all continue to work together for the benefit of our children and the wider community. Christmas was a wonderful time in school - there were certainly a great many lovely festive celebrations in school prior to the holiday and it was wonderful to see so many family members at the various events that took place during the final weeks of term. The PTFA Christmas Breakfast was a huge success and our Carol Service proved to be a wonderful finale to our celebrations at such a special time.

As you may be aware, Grace Beharall from Year 1 was admitted to hospital just before Christmas. Grace is currently receiving treatment in hospital and it is likely she will be absent from school for some time. Please can we ask you to keep Grace and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

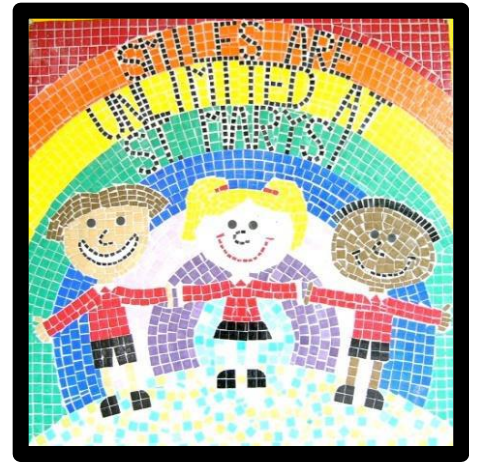


Winter Weather

Please ensure your child always has a waterproof coat with a hood in school every day. Children can come to school in boots but must change into school shoes once in their classroom. Children can put their boots on at break time and lunchtime when outside but shoes must be worn in school. Many thanks for your support with this.

Places in Reception

If your child, or the child of anyone you know, is due to start school in September 2020, applications for places for children living in Oldham can now be made at www.oldham.gov.uk/admissions - please note that



Holidays

Our attendance policy has recently been reviewed and brought in line with all schools who are involved in the Dovestone Learning Partnership.

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 leave may incur a Penalty Notice. A list of term dates for this year and next years' holidays is attached. Please refer to this when booking holidays and avoid taking children out of School during term time.

We will continue to monitor children's attendance carefully and contact parents if there are concerns over children's attendance. Attendance letters are expected to be sent week beginning 20th January 2020.

applications can only be made online. The deadline is 5.00pm on Wednesday 15th January 2020. Please also return any expression of interest forms (available from the school office) directly to school and don't forget to complete the Supplementary Information Form (available from the school office) to demonstrate church attendance and return this to School by Wednesday 15th January 2020.

Safeguarding

Before and After School

For the safety of children and adults, football and other ball games are not permitted 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. **Please do not park or stop on the zigzag lines outside School.** In doing so you are risking a child's life and risk being fined. Think before you park. We have also been informed that parents are parking on the pavement on Chew Valley Road near to the Clarence. Please can you keep pavements free for children to get to and from school safely and allow prams and pushchairs appropriate access to pass safely on the pavement.

Appointments

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

Thank you all, for supporting us in safeguarding our children.

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.

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.

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.

As a further strategy to encourage greater independence in our older children, please can parents 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 parents and carers – as we are now in the Spring Term, please encourage leaving your child at the door so that children can gain further independence in the morning routines.

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. This will be communicated to them during their break or lunch time and acted upon accordingly.

Contacting Teaching Staff

Contact is made through the office

If you have a concern you wish to discuss with your child's teacher, or information to pick up, please make an appointment or request 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 or Mrs Taylor will then notify the relevant staff member. If you do not receive an emailed receipt to say that we have received your email, please contact the office for further clarification either in person or by phone.

Please do not use staff 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 been 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 Assistant 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. Please refrain from having these cut into your child's hair.

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.

Monday 27th January – Contemporary Photos for Year 6 and Reception

Contemporary class photos will be taken of Year 6 children and Reception children during the morning of 27th January 2020.

Cultural Diversity Week

Cultural Diversity week will take place week commencing Monday 10th February 2020. More information to follow!

Extra-Curricular Clubs

All clubs after school clubs will start running again week commencing Monday 13th January. Should we experience bad weather and a club has to be cancelled, a text message will be sent out as early as possible. Please ensure your contact numbers are up to date with the office.

Class Newsletter

By the end of this week you should receive a newsletter from your child's class teacher. This will contain a range of information including details about the children's learning this term, routines and PE lessons. Details of statutory tests for Year 1 phonics and Year 4 multiplication test have also been sent out. Please contact the office if you have not received these.

SATS and School Attendance

If your child is in Year 6, please ensure that whenever possible, they attend school every day and for the full day as they will be taking important SATS tests during the week beginning 11th May 2020.

Heating Refurbishment

There are plans for some heating refurbishment to take place during the February half term commencing Saturday 15th February running to Sunday 23rd. It is the intention that all works will be carried out during the holiday period so should not affect teaching and learning. However, we will inform you of any changes in this schedule and the implications this may have.

Education Sunday

Year 1 children will take part in this service on Sunday 9th February. More details will follow regarding arrangements from Mrs Kent, Year 1 Class teacher

January Governors



Rachel Swanwick
Foundation Governor
Class 1 Link Governor

I became a Governor in March 2018. I live in Greenfield with my husband Mark and our children Joshua (13) and Theo (5) who is in Class 1. I work for the local authority in the Arts & Heritage department where I lead a team that develops and delivers participatory arts projects and large outdoor events. I am passionate about visual arts, music and performance and in my spare time love to attend events and festivals with my family.

PTFA Meeting – Wednesday 5th February 2020

The next PTFA meeting will take place on Wednesday 5th February at 8pm in the school hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Closing thoughts.....

It is such a pleasure to welcome the children back to school and to hear all about their Christmas holiday. There are many exciting opportunities planned for this term across all the classes and it is already clear to me that the children's excellent attitude to learning will serve them very well during the coming weeks.

With very best wishes and thanks for your continued support,

Mrs S. M. Hall

Head Teacher

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

January 2020

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 Reception and Year 6 photos | 28 | 29 Year 3 Linking Project | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 PTFA Meeting 8pm School Hall | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 Education Sunday |
| 10 Cultural Diversity week | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 PTFA Pancake Toss | 26 | 27 | 28 | | |

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 | | |

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| 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 | | |

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| 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 for VE day

ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-21 – SCHOOL HOLIDAY PATTERN

| OPENING DATES | CLOSING DATES | NUMBER OF SCHOOL DAYS |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| AUTUMN TERM | | |
| Inset Days | | |
| Tuesday 1st 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 | | |

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----|
| 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 | | |

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| 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