

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

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Welcome to the Spring Term 2 Newsletter

Welcome to newsletter From St Mary's C.E. Primary School. I trust that it finds you all well and in good health.

Spring is gradually announcing itself with daffodils just beginning to pop their heads up out of the ground and Easter is fast approaching. Lent is a time of thoughtful reflection on the past, followed by the promise of a renewed faith and hope in the future. As we focus in school on our Christian values of thankfulness and hope, I trust that you will join me in looking forward to the Lenten period, where we hold ourselves in quiet contemplation of the world around us and how we contribute to it, making each of our lives enriched and the best they can be.

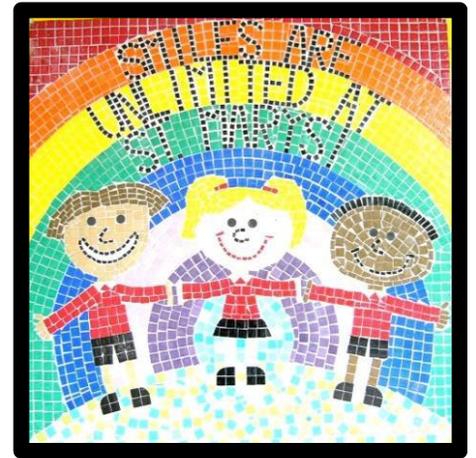


Winter Weather

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 school shoes must be worn in school. Many thanks for your support with this.

Education Sunday

Year 1 children took part in this service on Sunday 9th February. The children spoke clearly and gave a wonderful presentation. Many parents and members of the church community commented on their wonderful presentation. Many thanks to the staff in Year 1 who enabled the children to present so well and giving up their time at the weekend to support this event and strengthen our ties with St Mary's Church.



Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 11th March

8pm PTFA Meeting

Wednesday 18th March

7pm Main Meeting Governors

Friday 13th March

Class 5 Assembly

Friday 20th March

Class 6 Assembly

Thursday 2nd April

Parent-Teacher Meetings

Friday 20th March

PTFA Mothers' Day Sale

Friday 27th March

PTFA Chocolate Bingo

Friday 3rd April

9.30 Easter Service in Church

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. As a courtesy to our surrounding neighbours, we also ask you not to park in front of the houses on Manchester Road when visiting the school. Thank you for your support in this matter.

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. Mr Allsopp (Site Manager) unlocks the gate at 8.50am and he is on duty outside until 9.00am when the gate will be locked. 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. In order to develop the independence of the Reception children, please encourage them to walk into class on their own by leaving them at the classroom door.

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.

World Book Day Thursday 5th March 2020

World Book Day will be on Thursday 5th March 2020. Look out for a letter from Mrs Blackburn regarding events that will be happening in school.

Parent Teacher Meetings Thursday 2nd April 2020

Parent Teacher meetings will take place during the one afternoon and early evening of Thursday 2nd April. Please make a note of the date. You will shortly receive further details about how to book online and parents will be notified when appointments are open to all. You will have an opportunity to view your child's books and find out about their progress towards the end of the year group expectations.

Our annual parental questionnaire will also be published on 30th March so please begin to give consideration to the developments you would like to see at St Mary's and of course what we have done well this year.

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.

St Mary's Dance Group

St Mary's Dance Group are due to take part in Oldham's 'Gotta Dance' competition on Thursday 5th March. Our Dance Group have performed in this event for the last couple of years and they always amaze us with their talent.

We would like to wish all children the very best of luck, enjoy taking part in the competition and do yourselves proud.

Birthday lunch

If your child celebrates their birthday on a school day, parents are welcome to come into school to join their child for lunch. Adult lunches cost £3.00. If you would like to book a lunch, kindly note **1 weeks' notice** is required. Many thanks.

Experience Easter

St Mary's Church have kindly offered to provide an Experience Easter Day for the children of St Mary's. This will take part on Tuesday 31st March and Year 3 and 4 will take part in this experience at St Mary's Church. More details to follow.

March Governors



Sam Dainty
Parent Governor
Class 6 Link Governor

I am a recently appointed parent governor. I live in Greenfield and my eldest son Joseph (6) is currently in Year 2 at St Mary's. I also have a younger son, Oliver (3), who currently attends nursery. I am currently an Education Manager at Manchester City Football Club, managing the 11-16, Further Education and Degree Programme throughout Greater Manchester. My expertise lies in Physical Education and sport. I hope to bring my experience in education to St Mary's and contribute to the already thriving school community.

Graham McGuffie
Vice Chair of Governors
Diocesan Board of Education
Representative
Class 6 Link Governor

A member of the Saddleworth Ministry Team and Lay Reader based at Holy Trinity Dobcross. I was the Secondary School Improvement Officer for Oldham. My wife Lesley and I have 2 grown up children. We live in Scouthead and I enjoy sport, film, theatre and travel.

Sporting Events

As part of the Dovestone Learning Partnership, various children will be taking part in lots of sporting events over the coming months. Please see below for a list of dates. Attendees will be finalized in due course.

Spring Term				
Sport & Age Group	Date and time	Venue	Teams and Squads	Notes
Health Champions Celebration	Wednesday 15 th January 9:30am – 2:00pm	OBA Millennium Centre	School Health Champions	
Archery Year 3/4 Mixed	Wednesday 29th January 3:30pm – 5:00pm	Delph Primary	4 children per school	DATE MOVED
Multi Skill Festival Year 1/2 Mixed	Tuesday 4 th February 1:00pm – 3:00pm	Saddleworth School	Team of 16 4 boys and 4 girls from each age group	Children will be mixed together - Yr6 Leaders from Knowsley
Gymnastics Year 3/4 Mixed	Wednesday 26 th February 3:30pm – 5:00pm	Friezland Primary	2 Boys & 2 Girls	
Sports Hall Athletics Year 5/6 Mixed	Tuesday 10 th March 3:30pm – 5:00pm	Saddleworth School	4 or 5 boys 4 or 5 girls	
Health Champions Celebration	Wednesday 25 th January 9:30am – 2:00pm	OBA Millennium Centre	School Health Champions	

Heating Works

Our Heating works project went well over the February half term. Many thanks to Mr. Allsopp who liaised effectively with the contractors to ensure the project was successfully completed in time. The heating is now much more efficient and we are already noticing a difference in the temperature of the classrooms especially in this colder weather. There are still some further works to be carried out in Class 6 which will be picked up again in due course.

A focus on respect and responsibility

As the new half term has started we are focusing on respect and responsibility. We have been exploring what this looks like across all areas of the school and will be encouraging children to act in an appropriate manner by positive reinforcement. The children's efforts so far have been incredible and it is wonderful to see the children behaving so well. There is an outline of the expectations we are encouraging attached to this newsletter.

New style of Class Newsletters

We have recently reviewed the consistency and quality of information given on our class newsletters. You will notice that each class newsletter will now follow a similar format outlining the curriculum learning for each half term. We hope you find them useful and informative. The first newsletters will be sent out on Friday 28th February and the first Friday in the term thereafter.

PTFA Events



PTFA Pancake Toss Tuesday 25th February

All children took part in the Pancake Toss on Tuesday 25th February. Your child should have come home with a Certificate for taking part. Please kindly send any sponsor money into the school as soon as possible. Thank you to all families that have sponsored their child.



Mother's Day Sale Friday 20th March

Children will be given the chance to purchase a mother's day gift on Friday 20th March 2020. Please ensure your order form, together with money is sent into school by no later than Wednesday 18th March. (The PTFA are unable to guarantee a gift if forms are handed in after this date).



Chocolate Bingo Friday 27th March

The ever popular chocolate bingo will return on Friday 27th March! This event is now sold out. Please contact Sam Berry if you would like to add your name to the waiting list.

PTFA Meeting – Wednesday 11th March

The next PTFA meeting will take place on Wednesday 11th March at 8pm in school. Please feel free to join us.



Family Festival 4th July

Reserve the date so you don't miss out on our incredible Family Festival on the 4th July



Pop up Circus

We are so excited to announce that the PTFA have booked a circus to come to school on Sunday 19th July. There will be two afternoon performances each holding 300. Candy floss and refreshments will also be sold and tickets will go on sale after the Easter holidays. Watch this space.

Contacting Teaching Staff – adhering to our communication agreement

Contact is made through the office

If you have a concern you wish to discuss with your child's teacher, 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. Please avoid dropping into class at the start of the day.

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 Taylor will then notify the relevant staff member and in line with recent feedback from parents, an email acknowledging this will be sent.

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 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 Deputy Headteacher 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.

On Friday 27th March, we will be holding a whole school charity fundraising event for Brain Tumour Research.

Just 1% of the national spend on cancer research has been allocated to this devastating disease so it our intention to hold a 'Wear A Hat Day'. Children will be able to come to school and wear their favourite hat all day. Each child will then bring in a donation and the funds raised will help to raise vital awareness, campaign for increased investment and progress pioneering research at the dedicated UK Centres, giving hope to the tens of thousands of people living with a brain tumour, along with their families and friends.

Please help us to support this worthwhile cause.

May I thank you for your continued support in the learning journey we are taking and for working in partnership to ensure that the children of St Mary's receive the very best.

God's Richest Blessings for the Spring.

Kindest Regards,

Mrs S. M. Hall

Head Teacher

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Respect and Responsibility

	Assembly	Classrooms	Corridors	Break and Lunchtime	Dining Hall
Respectful	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> listen to all speakers sit down quickly and quietly in your class line sit with your legs crossed and your arms folded keep your hands to yourself 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> speak and act respectfully to everyone using appropriate language follow teacher's instructions immediately use resources carefully look after equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> hold doors open for others be polite and walk let others go through doors before you smile and say hello to people you pass 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> speak politely to middays and other staff supervising you during break or lunch use appropriate language play with fair rules share and take turns include other children in your games apologise if you accidentally bump someone 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> say please and thank you line up sensibly in a single line speak politely to others
Responsible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> be a good role model to other pupils be a good audience by clapping to celebrate other pupils efforts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> be on time for class behave safely in the cloakroom 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> walk around the school quietly walk up or down the stairs in a single file on the left hand side 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> play in safe a manner report concerns to a member of staff think about the privacy of others in toilet areas put weather appropriate clothing on before going outside look after the school environment accept consequences of your own actions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> sit down to eat your food put all your rubbish in the bin use toilets appropriately

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
24 th February Fire Service Year 6	25 th PTFA sponsored pancake toss	26 th	27 th	28 th	29 th	1 st March
2 nd March	3 rd	4 th Govs – Resources and Premises	5 th Green Flag assessment	6 th Govs CPS	7 th	8 th
9 th	10 th Class 6 Air Raid Shelter Year 6	11 th PTFA meeting 8pm	12 th	13 th Year 5 assembly	14 th PTFA Dinner Dance	15 th
16 th	17 th	18 th Main Govs	19 th	20 th Year 6 assembly PTFA Mother's Day Sale	21 st	22 nd
23 rd	24 th	25 th Year 3 linking project	26 th Peer Review	27 th PTFA Chocolate Bingo Wear a hat day-charity event	28 th	29 th
30 th	31 st	1 st April	2 nd Parent Teacher Meetings	3 rd Easter Service in Church	4 th	5 th
20 th April	21 st	22 nd	23 rd	24 th	25 th	26 th

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 - VE Day