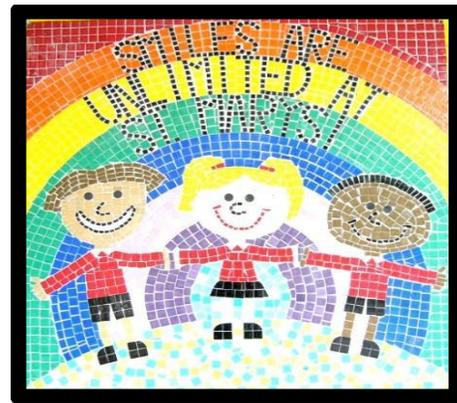


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Welcome to the Autumn Term.

Having been back in school now for a number of weeks, we offer a very warm welcome to everyone returning to normal school life.

We can't tell you how happy it has made us all feel hearing the classrooms full of excitement and a buzz of learning seeping through the corridors. We offer 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.

We are extremely proud of the way everyone has settled back into school life. It is lovely to see the children come into school with a big smile and they are all showing such maturity coming into school on their own.

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.

Communication

The School Newsletter is published each half term. This is sent via Teachers2Parents, an on-line email system. Our other main form of communication is via Google Classroom which allows teachers to communicate with parents to keep them informed of anything happening in their child's class. Homework will also be posted on Google Classroom. As an Eco-School, we urge all of you to notify school of any changes of email address or telephone number so school can keep in touch. Class Newsletters are typically sent out on a half-termly basis and contain details about the staffing, routines and learning within year groups. These will be posted onto Google Classroom.

Upcoming Events

Monday 9th November

Individual School
Photographs – all COVID19
secure and socially
distanced

Tuesday 10th November

Flu immunization for all
children. Please ensure you
complete the consent form
to either opt in for your child
receiving the immunization
or to opt out. Consent forms
need to be completed by **3rd
November** at the latest.

Parent's Evening

As we are currently under social distancing guidelines, our Autumn term parents evening will take place virtually this year.

Details of this will be sent out in a separate letter with information on how to book on for a virtual 10-minute appointment with the class teacher.

You will receive this letter on Monday 19th October and it will outline full details of how to access the video calls and the various dates scheduled for after half term.

Celebration Worship

Each Friday, we celebrate the learning and achievements of children in School. 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. Due to current restrictions in place we are not able to hold a celebration assembly. Awards are now presented in class. We will share these achievements with you and the community via our Twitter account [@gsmprimary](#) (if consent has been given).

Class Presentations are often part of Celebration Worship. Staff are currently exploring a variety of ways to carry on with these presentations as the children do love taking part in them. It is the intention that they are recorded and uploaded onto Google Classroom for children to share with their parents and we will keep you up to date of any notifications in this area as to when their presentation of learning will be available.

Safeguarding

Before and After School

I would like to thank all parents for their patience shown with the staggered start and finish times. The current system is working well and will continue for the foreseeable future. Please can we remind parents to adhere to social distancing whilst outside school. In school we are working tirelessly to keep year group bubbles protected to try and avoid being in a situation where a class (or classes) have to isolate. Please can I ask that at drop off and pick up you do not let your child run around outside the school grounds mixing with children from other year group bubbles. Our school has been extremely lucky so far in that we have only had to isolate one year group and this is due to the commitment of parents and staff to keep the children and community safe.

Parking

The visitors car park will remain closed at drop off and pick up times for the foreseeable future.

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.



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.

Please also bring a copy of the appointment card wherever possible.

Arrival at School and Registration

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children should arrive at school for 8.45am. Older siblings should come into school with their younger sibling at 8.45am and go straight into class.

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 children should arrive at school at 9am.

Please continue to come into school through the current entrance you are using.

Lunchtimes

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

We have introduced school lunches to the above year groups. These children come up to the hall for their lunch. This is working well, we are able to ensure year group bubbles are protected and socially distanced at all times.

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

Children can order a packed lunch from school and have a choice of a Ham, Cheese, Tuna, Egg or Chicken sandwich. On a Monday, Wednesday and Friday there is the choice of a hot sandwich option. If your child wishes to have a school packed lunch they should order this each morning with their teacher. The cost of a school dinner is £2.40 per day for all Key Stage 2 children. 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.

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. Kindly note nuts are not allowed in school; this includes any nut based chocolate spreads. 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. 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. This can be done as a telephone consult or video call through google classrooms.

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.



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.

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

Children should come to school dressed in their PE kit when it is their PE days. The kit

- trainers for use indoor or outdoor
- plain white round necked T-shirt
- trainers
- plain dark jogging bottoms and tracksuit top.

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.

Time to Read Campaign - Monday 19 to Sunday 25 October

The BookTrust Time to Read campaign is back for 2020! Their mission is to get families reading together. There are so many ways children can benefit from reading. It will spark children's imagination, improve language and listening as well as encouraging the development of practical skills such as making new friends and dealing with change. Reading together regularly as a family will create a safe place for children to express themselves, something that children might be especially in need of following the coronavirus outbreak.

Attached are some useful links to share with families to encourage their love of reading and stories.

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Be Seen in Green (or Blue)

For parents new to our school, last year we had nominated two charities very close to our hearts to raise money for – Macmillan Cancer Support and Royal Manchester Children's Hospital. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 this was cut short. Charities need support now more than ever. With that in mind we are going to kick off our fundraising with 'Be Seen in Green (or Blue) day' on Friday 27th November. This event is to support Royal Manchester Children's Hospital. Children should come to school wearing green or blue, it could be something as simple as a bobble, headband, coloured laces etc or children can come dressed head to toe wearing the appropriate colours. Please make sure that your child wears something suitable for playing outside in. We will have a number of buckets placed around the outside of school for children put a donation in (hopefully we can still adhere to social distancing). A payment item will also be set up on Parentpay if it is easier for you to donate that way. I am sure children will have great fun whilst supporting this amazing charity. We would also like to wish Nicole Lamont (mum to Darcey in Year 2) lots of luck for her 'Leap of Faith for Amazing Grace' sky dive! Nicole is due to sky dive on the 17th October to raise funds for Royal Manchester Children's Hospital. Good luck!

Governor News

Autumn 2020

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 Mrs Sarah Keaney-Duckworth and Mr Courtney Reece, our new PCC Governors. We look forward to inducting them into our team.

Class Governors for this year are as follows

Class R	Sarah Roberts, Sara Keaney-Duckworth
Class 1	Ryan Selby
Class 2	Ruth Broadhurst
Class 3	Mark Rahn, Courtney Reece
Class 4	Debbie Dorobat, Reverend Barbara Christopher

Christmas Cards

Your child should soon be bringing home their Christmas card artwork. If you would like to order copies of these cards, please follow the instructions accompanying the artwork. Your child's name and school name can be printed on the back of each card.

100+ Lottery

You have got to be in it to win it! By picking a number and paying £1.00 per month you are in with a chance of winning up to £30.00. The more people that enter the bigger the cash prize!

Non Uniform

PTFA Non uniform day – bring a pound and look sound in your non-school uniform clothes on Thursday 22nd October 2020 (the last day of this half term).

Please support them where you can.

Closing thoughts.....

As we come to the close of the first half of the Autumn term, I reflect on the time that we have had back in school. It has been incredibly challenging to ensure that life at St Mary's remains as normal as possible but COVID19 secure. However, it is such a privilege to be the Headteacher of this school. Members of the school community have shown a spirit of a very special nature, reaching out to those in need and ensuring that we look after one another with our kind words and deeds throughout this pandemic. I thank you all for the resilience you have shown and the lessons you have taught your children and the continued support you have shown the staff and the work they do. It is greatly appreciated.

With very best wishes,

Mrs S. M. Hall

Head Teacher

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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		

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

ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-22 – SCHOOL HOLIDAY PATTERN

OPENING DATES	CLOSING DATES	NUMBER OF SCHOOL DAYS
AUTUMN TERM		
Monday 6 th September	Thursday 21 st October	34
OCTOBER HALF TERM Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October		
Monday 1 st November	Friday 17 th December	35
Monday 20th December – Monday 3rd January		

SPRING TERM		
Tuesday 4 th January	Friday 18 th February	34
FEBRUARY HALF TERM Monday 21st February – Friday 25th February		
Monday 28 th February	Friday 8 th April	30
EASTER HOLIDAYS Monday 11th April - Friday 22nd April		

SUMMER TERM		
Monday 25 th April	Friday 27 th May	24
MAY HALF TERM Monday 30th May – Friday 10th June (Whit Friday – 10th June)		
Monday 13 th June	Wednesday 27 th July	33
SUMMER HOLIDAY Wednesday 27th July - tbc		
	Total School Days	190

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

Monday 2nd May 2022 - Bank Holiday Monday