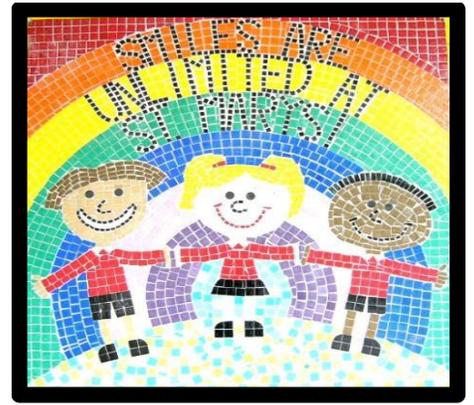


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Be Seen in Green (or Blue) Day



Royal Manchester
Children's Hospital Charity

On Friday 27th November we will start our fundraising for Royal Manchester Children's Hospital by holding a 'Be Seen in Green (or Blue) day' 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 to 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

Upcoming Events

Friday 20th November

PTFA Chocolate/Selection Box drop off

Friday 27th November

Be seen in Green (or Blue) Day

Sunday 29th November

Christingle Service in Church – Class 2 presenting virtually

Tuesday 8th December

Class 1 Christmas Assembly

PTFA

Lockdown restrictions have certainly not stopped our wonderful PTFA being creative. They are an amazing team who work tirelessly for the children and community of the school and we very much appreciate all their hard work, dedication and commitment.

Chocolate Bingo

The PTFA will host via Zoom their Christmas Chocolate Bingo on Friday 27th November. It is £5.00 per card and that one card will be played on both games. Tickets should be purchased by bank transfer by 11pm on Tuesday 24th November. You will need to provide contact details to the PTFA i.e. email or phone number to enable them to send the zoom details and the bingo card to you.

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 2021 5pm. Look out for a virtual tour coming soon.....



Raffle

It is not too late to buy your raffle ticket to be in with a chance to win one of the following prizes:-

Body Shop Advent Calendar, £40 Caffe Grande Abaco gift card, £40 gift card for Authentic, £40 gift card for Weaver and Wild and a meal voucher for the Clarence.

Tickets cost £3.00 each or £5.00 for 2 tickets. Payment should be made via bank transfer.

PTFA Bank details are as follows:-

Account name: St Marys PTFA Greenfield

Sort Code: 01-08-99

Account No: 47501812

If making payment for any of the above please ensure you mark your payment as either BINGO or RAFFLE!

Teatowels

We have a great demand for the School PTFA Tea Towels this year and they have sold out in less than 48 hours!. The PTFA are looking into ordering a small extra batch but will need to know ASAP how many are required. Please message Sam Berry on 07872 502 341 immediately with how many you want so that they are able to discuss this with the printers. The tea towels cost £4.00 for 1 or £10.00 for 3.

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

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.

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.

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

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. Please also bring a copy of the appointment card.

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.



Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who donated to Children in Need. The total raised was £213.15.

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.

Christmas 2020

Christmas Cards and Gifts.

In order to keep everyone safe, we are asking children to only send Christmas cards to children in their bubble this year. Each class will have a Christmas Card Box that the children will be able to post their cards into. We will be accepting cards up until **Wednesday 9th December**. Cards will then be given out in their classes on Wednesday 16th December. Any cards brought in after Wednesday 9th December will not be able to be given out so please respect and support our arrangements regarding this in order to keep everyone safe. If anyone is planning to bring a gift for a teacher again, please can we ask that these are also brought into school by **Wednesday 9th December**. These can be handed to a member of staff on gate duty each morning and evening.

Christmas Lunch

Unfortunately, this year we will not be able to offer a Christmas Lunch.

Christingle Service in Church

Class 2 will be recording a message which will be shown during the Christingle Service on Sunday 29th November. A separate email will be sent with details on how to access the service via Zoom.

School Christmas Tree Ceremony – Monday 7th December 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 2020. Therefore, please can all members of our Reception Class and any children who have joined school during 2020 please bring in a wooden or plastic tree decoration on Monday 7th December. At 9.10am Reception children will come to the hall and the children can hang their decoration on the tree. Any other child who has joined school in 2020 will be invited to hang their decoration on the tree throughout the day.

PTFA virtual Christmas Shopping event

PTFA have arranged for a different business each day to promote their items for sale. This is a fantastic way to get some beautiful Christmas presents and also help local businesses. If you have not already done so, please do join Greenfield St Mary's PTFA Virtual Christmas Market on Facebook.

Christmas Performances

Reception

Reception's Christmas performance will take place on Tuesday 8th December. Mrs Egan will record the performance and post it on Google Classroom for parents to enjoy. This is for viewing in the family home only and must not be shared on social media. Consent has previously been obtained from parents for children appearing on Google Classroom.

Year 2

Year 2's nativity is 'The Angel who nearly missed it all'. Year 2 will perform their nativity on Monday 7th December.

Year 2's performances will be recorded and a DVD will be available to purchase at a cost of £6.00. A payment item will be set up on Parentpay. A link will be sent separately to parents to consent to your child being filmed. Any DVD purchased is strictly for viewing in the family home and must not be shared on social media.

Year 1

Year 1 will be celebrating Christmas with a Christmas Carol concert on Tuesday 8th December. Mrs Kent will record this and post it on Google Classroom for parents to enjoy. This is for viewing in the family home only and must not be shared on social media. Consent has previously been obtained from parents for children appearing on Google Classroom. Children are encouraged to wear a Christmas Jumper on this day.

Thursday 17th December

Christmas parties and Christmas Hat competition.

During the afternoon of the 17th December, each class will have a Christmas party. As in previous years, school will purchase party food and drinks for the parties. Children can wear party clothes all day if suitable for school/play/dinnertime but if they are unsuitable for play or would be cold to be in when playing outside, please send them in a labelled bag to change into after lunchtime. Unfortunately, we will not be carrying out our Christmas Hat Parade this year but hope to replace it with an Easter Bonnet parade later in the year, should the situation allow.

Friday 18th December

This year, we will not be able to go to church for our whole school Christmas Carol Concert. We will however, be holding a virtual Christmas service in school and connecting all our classes together on the morning of Friday 18th December.

No Closing early for Christmas!

You will have heard that some schools have decided to close early for Christmas on 11th December. It is not the intention that St Mary's will close. Our infection rates within school are fairly low in comparison to some areas and it is therefore not our current intention to change our term dates. We shall only do so if the Government or Local Authority instruct us to do so. Our school is due to close for the Christmas holidays on Friday 18th December and reopen again on Monday 4th January.

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

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.

Closing thoughts.....

Christmas! The very word brings joy to our hearts. No matter how we may dread the rush, the long Christmas lists for gifts and cards to be bought and given. When Christmas Day comes there is still the same warm feeling we had as children, the same warmth that enfold our hearts and our homes. This year the closeness and blessing of families is more poignant than ever and all that we have been through this year makes us realise what our true blessings are.

Let us remember that the Christmas heart is a giving heart, a wide open heart that thinks of others first. The birth of the baby Jesus stands as one of the most significant events in all history, because it meant the pouring into a sick world the healing medicine of love which has transformed all manner of hearts for over two thousand years.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all those families that have been able to support others during this time through donations, foodbank donations and supporting events for the PTFA. We really appreciate your generous and giving nature and know that your donations will be put to good use to support those less fortunate than yourselves.

Here at St Mary's, we wish you God's Richest Blessing for the coming season and a heart full of love, joy and peace this Christmas time.

With very best wishes and thanks for your continued support,

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 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

ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-22 – SCHOOL HOLIDAY PATTERN

OPENING DATES	CLOSING DATES	NUMBER OF SCHOOL DAYS
AUTUMN TERM		
Inset Days		
Friday 3 rd September and Friday 22nd October		
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