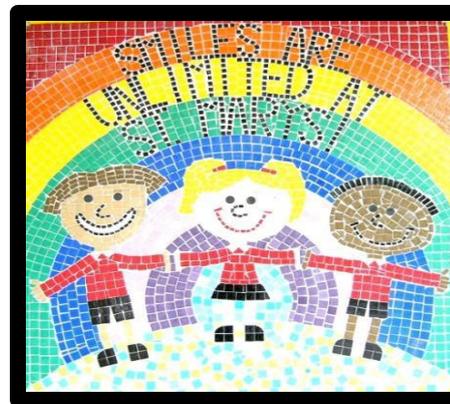


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Operation Christmas Child



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. A leaflet is attached to this newsletter 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 by next Monday 21st November.

Truly Amazing!

Hopefully you will all have received the latest PTFA Newsletter informing you of their amazing fund-raising achievements last year.

Each class has again this year been awarded £1000.00 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.

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

Friday 18th November

BBC Children in Need

Sunday 27th November

Christingle Service in Church

Class 2 presenting

Friday 18th November

Class 5 Assembly

Friday 2nd December

Class 3 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 2023 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.

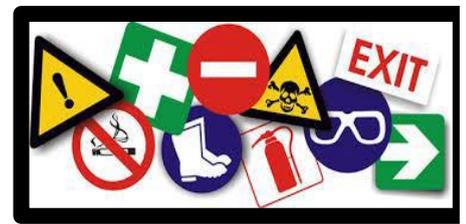
Arrival at School and Registration

Please note that school starts at 8.50am. A staff member unlocks the gate at 8.45am 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 on the playground 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.

Attendance monitoring letters will be sent out to all parents of children who have met absence thresholds.

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.



Anti-Bullying week is from Monday 14th November to Friday 18th November and the theme is 'Reach Out'. A range of activities will take place across classes to raise awareness and to encourage action against bullying. We will also be having Saddleworth Police Team into school on Monday 14th November carrying out a series of workshops with Year 3 – 6 children on the theme of, 'Actions have Consequences'



Children in Need

On Friday 18th November school will be supporting Children in Need. We invite all children to bring a cake/biscuit to school on Friday 18th which they can enjoy at breaktime (please remember we are a nut free school). Children can bring a donation into school for Children in Need.

Photographs

We understand there have been many families that have been unhappy with the school photograph. We appreciate your thoughts on the matter and are seeking to change company for future photographs.

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. 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 2022

GGRA Greenfield Christmas Lights Switch On

Everyone is invited to join GGRA at the bridle path on Friday 2nd December to celebrate the tree lights being switched on from 6pm.

Christmas Cards

If you have ordered Christmas cards, they should arrive at school at the end of November.

Christmas Pantomime

This year we will be going to Millgate Arts Theatre, Delph to watch the pantomime, which is Aladdin, on Monday 12th December KS2 children (Years 3-6) will watch the pantomime and on Tuesday 13th December Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will watch the pantomime. We will be attending the 9.45am performance so will return in plenty of time for the end of the school day. Details of costs will be sent in the next day or so.

Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 7th December.

Christingle Service in Church

On Sunday 27th November Class 2 children will deliver a special presentation during the Christingle Service at St Mary's Church at 11.00am. Please keep the date free and join us. Your child should have brought home a Christingle collection envelope. 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 25th November or bring it to the Christingle Service on Sunday 27th November. Every little helps.

School Christmas Tree Ceremony – Thursday 1st December at 2.30pm

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 2022. Therefore, please can all members of our new Reception Class and any children who have joined school during 2022 please bring in a wooden or plastic tree decoration on Tuesday 1st December 2022. At 2.30pm we will meet in the hall and the children can hang their decoration on the tree in this special blessing of our Christmas Tree.

PTFA Christmas Fair – Sunday 11th December 2022 from 1pm

We are so happy that our wonderful PTFA are hosting a Christmas Fair for all families and members of the local community. There will be a variety of stalls including food and craft stalls. 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. If you can offer support in any way, please see your class PTFA representative or Sam Berry. Please do try to offer any help you can to make this event a success.

Year 1 and Year 2 Infant Nativity

This Year's Nativity will take place on Wednesday 14th December at 2pm and Thursday 15th December at 9.30am Each child will be allocated 3 tickets. Please ensure you have completed the ticket request form that was sent via Parentapp.

Christmas Party and Christmas Hat Competition – Thursday 15th December

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.

The Christmas hat competition has been part of St Mary's for many years. All children are encouraged to keep our annual tradition by making their own Christmas hat to wear to the Christmas party. For the first part of the afternoon on Thursday 15th December we will have a hat parade in the hall followed by class parties in the classroom. It would be lovely if all the children took part.

Reception Christmas Performance

Reception children will take part in a Christmas performance on Friday 16th December as part of our final Carol Service in Church. The performance will start at 9.15am. Please join us on this special event.

Musical Brass Performances

Year 4 will perform to parents at 9.15 on Friday 9th December. Year 5 children who have small group brass lessons will also perform. We hope you will be able to join us.

PTFA Christmas Breakfast - Friday 16th December

All parents/carers and children are welcome to join us in the school hall for the annual Christmas Breakfast. If you can help prepare and serve breakfast, please contact your PTFA class representative.

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 Taylor 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.

Dates for the Diary

Sunday	27 th November	11.00am	Christingle Service in Church
Thursday	1 st December	2.30pm	Christmas Tree Service
Friday	2 nd December	6.30pm	Christmas Chocolate Bingo
Wednesday	7 th December	12.00pm	Christmas Lunch
Friday	9 th December	9.15am	Brass and Music celebration
Sunday	11 th December	1.00pm	Christmas Fair in School
Monday	12 th December	10.00am	KS2 Pantomime trip
Tuesday	13 th December	10.00am	KS1 Pantomime trip
Wednesday	14 th December	9.30am	Year 2 Nativity dress rehearsal
Wednesday	14 th December	2.00pm	Year 2 Nativity performance 1
Thursday	15 th December	9.30am	Year 2 Nativity performance 2
Thursday	15 th December	PM	Christmas Parties and Hat Competition
Friday	16 th December	7.00am	PTFA Christmas Breakfast
Friday	16 th December	9.15am	Christmas Service in Church including Reception nativity
Friday	16 th December	3.15pm	Finish for the Holidays
Tuesday	3 rd January	8.50am	School opens for the Spring Term

ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-23 – SCHOOL HOLIDAY PATTERN

OPENING DATES	CLOSING DATES	NUMBER OF SCHOOL DAYS
AUTUMN TERM		
Monday 5 th September	Thursday 20 th October	34
OCTOBER HALF TERM Friday 21st October – Friday 28th October		
Monday 31 st October	Friday 16 th December	35
Wednesday 19th December – Monday 2nd January		

SPRING TERM		
Tuesday 3 rd January	Friday 10 th February	29
FEBRUARY HALF TERM Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February		
Monday 20 th February	Friday 31 st March	30
EASTER HOLIDAYS Monday 3rd April – Friday 14th April		

SUMMER TERM		
Monday 17 th April	Friday 26 th May	29
MAY HALF TERM Monday 29th May – Friday 9th June		
Monday 12 th June	Wednesday 26 th July	33
SUMMER HOLIDAY Thursday 27th July - tbc		
	Total School Days	190

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

Friday 21st October 2022 – INSET Day

Monday 1st May 2023 - Bank Holiday Monday

ACADEMIC YEAR 2023 - 2024 – SCHOOL HOLIDAY PATTERN

OPENING DATES	CLOSING DATES	NUMBER OF SCHOOL DAYS
AUTUMN TERM		
Monday 4 th September	Thursday 19 th October	34
OCTOBER HALF TERM Friday 20th October – Friday 27th October		
Monday 30 th October	Friday 22 nd December	40
Monday 25th December – Friday 5th January		

SPRING TERM		
Monday 8 th January	Friday 16 th February	30
FEBRUARY HALF TERM Monday 19th February – Friday 23rd February		
Monday 26 th February	Thursday 28 th March	24
EASTER HOLIDAYS Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April		

SUMMER TERM		
Monday 15 th April	Friday 24 th May	29
MAY HALF TERM Monday 27th May – Friday 7th June		
Monday 10 th June	Wednesday 24 th July	33
SUMMER HOLIDAY Thursday 25th July - tbc		
	Total School Days	190

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

Friday 20th October 2023 – INSET day – school closed