

## Summer Term 2 Newsletter

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Welcome to the Summer Term newsletter. We hope it finds you all well having had a wonderful half-term holiday in the sunshine.

It proposes to be a busy half term and I am pleased to say that the children have returned incredibly well. It is wonderful to see such polite, well-mannered children demonstrating such a thirst for learning and behaviour throughout the school has been exceptional as well.

### More dates for the Diary

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July** - PTFA Family Festival

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July** - Year 6 transition days

**Week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> July** - Reception Home Visits

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July** – Reports home to parents

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July** – Parents evening and book look in school

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July** – Rocksteady concerts in the afternoon, KS1 – 1.30pm and KS2 – 2.30pm

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July** – Year 4 Brass Concert

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July** – End of Year Service at St Mary's Church

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July** – Key Stage 2 Show

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July** – Move Up Afternoon

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July** – Key Stage 2 Show

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 6 Leavers' Service

### Dates for the Diary

#### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June

PTFA Father's Day Sale

Non-Uniform Day

#### Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June

Reception Intake meeting

Key Stage 1 Moderation

#### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June

Year 4 Brass perform at Bridgewater Hall

Year 6 Crucial Crew visit

#### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

Key Stage 2 Moderation

#### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

Year 6 Leavers Service at Manchester Cathedral

#### w/c 26<sup>th</sup> June

Reception Intake Visits

#### Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June

SEND Reviews

#### Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June

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## Safeguarding



### 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

The gates open at 8.45am to enable children to come in to class ready for when school starts at 8.50am. It is important that children are in class ready to learn at 8.50am.



### 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.



### Holidays

Our attendance policy is in line with all schools that are involved in the Dovestone Learning Partnership.

The school will not authorise holidays during term time unless there are extremely 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. Attendance panel meetings with the Local Authority Attendance Officer are also arranged for children reaching stage 3 of our policy to ensure that school and home are working in full partnership to give each child the best chance of attendance at school.

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.



### Weather

There have been some improvements in the weather and during the time of hot weather, please ensure your child has applied suncream and wears a sunhat or cap. Thank you!



### Walking to School

As the Spring gets into full swing and Summer approaches it would be mindful for families to start to consider walking to school in the finer weather. There are many health benefits that can be associated with this not just related to encouraging the children to use their legs and get walking. It helps keep you and your family stay healthy in mind as well as body, helping to boost your mood and self-esteem and is often reported that those children who walk or cycle to school are more alert and ready to learn than those who arrive by car. It is also a way to make pupils and parents more aware of the environmental benefits

of walking to school. The advantages of such action could be seen in the congestion around school, the improvement of the social aspect of coming to school as families get to chat on the way and as a way of promoting greater awareness of how small steps taken locally could have an impact on the global environment.

I understand for some parents it is practically impossible to leave the car at home but setting off 5 or 10 minutes earlier and parking further away from school in order to engineer some walking time could be practically possible. Please consider the issues and even if it's just once a week or once a fortnight, attempt to increase the time that you walk to school. Many thanks for your continued support.



### **Health and Safety 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.

Although this is a restriction during the 10 minutes of the gate opening to the children entering school for registration and during the time as the school community leaves in the afternoon, please be reassured that your child has plenty of opportunity for physical activity and play throughout the school day at playtimes and lunchtime and specific directed curriculum time. This restriction is simply put in force to safeguard your children before and after school when there are many people present on the playground.



### **Maintaining a Responsible Online Presence**

E-Safety is a crucial part of safeguarding children at St Mary's. However, we can only be successful in guaranteeing the safety of our children if we work with you to ensure the safety message is consistent and that children and adults understand how to behave safely and appropriately online.

The positive reputation of the School is important to everyone associated with St Mary's. Whilst we are all entitled to our own views and opinions, it is important to consider how these may be interpreted when shared online and the possible impact and consequences of these actions.

Potentially there are real dangers in sharing information, and describing incidents, people, or situations on social networking sites. The element of control is taken away from the individual once comments are published. As part of the open-door policy of St Mary's, we urge parent/carers to contact the school in the first instance should you have any concerns of any kind.

We thank you for your continued support in these matters.



## 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.



## A Big Year 4 Thank you

Year 4 would like to thank **Kirsten's Dance Academy** for very kindly buying an air conditioning unit for the Year 4 classroom. Year 4 and 5 do become incredibly hot in this warm weather and the air conditioning unit is really helping to keep the classroom more comfortable for the children.

## School News/Events



### Parent and Family Questionnaire

We are extremely grateful to those of you who completed our family questionnaire. We have had a very positive response and appreciate you taking the time to offer your thanks and supportive comments. Staff and Governors will use this wealth of valuable feedback to shape the future direction of St Mary's, incorporating your suggestions into our School Development Plan for the coming academic year and a report will be given to parents in due course. Thank you so much for the wonderful feedback you have given.



### Whole School Sports Day

Our whole school Sports Day is to be held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July from 1.15 pm until 3.00 pm. Children need to come to school on this day in outdoor PE wear and suitable trainers. In the event of a hot day, please ensure your child has a sun hat and sun cream applied in the morning (and/or roll-on sun cream in School which they can apply themselves). They should also wear a T-shirt which represents their team point colour:

Indian's Head – red;      Dovestone – blue;      Alphin Pike – green;      Pots and Pans – yellow;

Parents are more than welcome to come and watch our sports day events and we look forward to you cheering our children on. Should rain stop play, we shall reschedule for the following Friday and then Monday afternoon to ensure that the children are able to experience this.

## SEND Reviews

Our annual SEND reviews will take place on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June. Details of our SEND survey will also be given at these meetings so that we can continue to evaluate and develop our practice.



### Gardening Club

We would like to thank our **Site Manager, Mr Hirst** who has worked hard to build new planters for the gardening club. Both Mr Hirst and **Lety Alterno** approached local builders' merchants who have very kindly donated the wood for the planters. A big thank you to the following companies:

#### **Wickes**

**Alco Taylor (Joseph Parr)**

We would also like to thank the **PTFA and Benchmark** who have donated soil and **Lety Alterno** who has taken on organizing the gardening club with the assistance of **Gina Thornton, Sara Higgins, Naomi Frimston, Sam Berry, Sally Dodd and Kath Sage.**



### Netball and Art Club

We would like to thank all the parent helpers that have very kindly given up their time this year to run the after school netball club and after school art club. A big thank you to **Louise Kirwan and Kelly Wolfe** for running the netball club and a big thank you to **Lindsey Clark, Sally Dodd, Sara Higgins, Rachel Jackson and Naomi Frimston** for running the art club.



### Tesco Community Grants

**Mrs Wray** has been successful in her Tesco Community Grants Application. She has applied for £1500.00 £300.00 for the gardening club and £1,200.00 to purchase IT equipment. We understand that this will be active from the 1<sup>st</sup> July for a period of 3 months. Please can you all support this and ask all your family, friends, anyone you know, to put their blue tokens in the St Mary's box. Tokens for our application can be placed at Tesco Greenfield and Tesco Shaw. Please support our school.



### Year 6 transition days

Most children will be experiencing the Transition days to High School on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July. Please contact school if you need clarification on the arrangements for these.



### **Reception Home Visits**

Mrs Egan and Mrs Hall will be conducting Reception Home visits week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> July. We are looking forward to welcoming our new families to St Mary's.



### **End of Year Parents' Evening**

The end of year parents' evening and book look will take place on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July. Reports will be sent home on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July and there is an opportunity to speak to your child's class teacher on the 18<sup>th</sup> July should you wish to discuss anything further. Anything discussed at these meetings will form part of the transition meetings taking place with teachers on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July and Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July. Please do not hesitate to contact the school should you wish to make an appointment after receiving your child's report. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to request an appointment with your child's class teacher should you need to discuss anything before then.



### **Rock Steady**

Children who take part in external Rock Steady Music lessons will be performing on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July. Key Stage 1 Children will perform at 1.30pm and Key Stage 2 children will perform at 2.30pm. Please make a note for your diary if your children are involved in this group.



### **Year 4 Brass Concert**

Our wonderful PTFA pay for all our Year 4 children to learn how to play a brass instrument during this year and they will be celebrating this learning in a concert with the Halle orchestra on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June. During this concert, they will get the opportunity to play alongside the Halle Orchestra at the Bridgewater Hall and other schools from across Greater Manchester. Year 4 will then get the chance to perform for the school community on Friday morning of 21<sup>st</sup> July. We hope you can join us.



### **Key Stage 2 Show**

Children in Year 6 will be performing our Key Stage 2 show on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July and Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July. Separate information will be sent about how you can obtain tickets to watch the show.

### **Staffing News**

Please see the accompanying letter regarding staff changes for September.

## PTFA Events



### Recent PTFA events

A big thank you to our wonderful PTFA for putting on wonderful events to raise money for the school. The Bags to School £206.00, the Mother's Day sale raised £250.00, the pancake toss raised a whopping £484.00 and the very popular chocolate bingo raised £365.00.

### Future Events



**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Non-Uniform day and Father's Day Sale**



**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July – St Mary's Family Festival**

Let's make it bigger and better than ever. Please email into school or get in touch with Sam Berry if you can help at all.



**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Circus Fun.**

The popup circus is visiting St Mary's. Make sure you have booked your tickets through [ticketsource.co.uk](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk)

Further information on the above events will be sent out by the PTFA. Please keep an eye on the parent app for further information too. Information regarding booking tickets for the circus has been sent to all families. For further information in relation to any of the above PTFA events please speak to Sam Berry or alternatively send an email to the school and it will be passed on to Sam.



A big thank you to all the members of our PTFA who work tirelessly throughout the year putting on fantastic school and community events to raise vital funds for our school. We thank **Sam Berry** who leads a very committed team of willing volunteers. Your dedication is incredible, and we all thank you dearly. Every penny that is raised enables each child at school to have a fully enriched education. Funds are spent on trips, workshops, books, and equipment for the children to use which, without all the fundraising, the school would be unable to purchase.

## Contacting Teaching Staff



### 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.

Should you wish to communicate by email, please send your email to the following address:-

[info@greenfieldstmary.oldham.sch.uk](mailto: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 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

During the summer term, there is some flexibility regarding school uniform and sports kit. We perfectly understand how difficult it may have been to purchase new clothes and in particular shoes. If flexibility is required, please inform the class teacher so that they are aware.



### 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

Children should continue to come to school wearing their PE kit on their PE days.

- 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.**



## Closing thoughts.....

It is with great enthusiasm that we start the summer term. The days at this time of year are longer, the weather is warmer, and everything really does seem a little bit brighter. Maybe it's because we have fond memories of our own childhood summers spent outside until dusk. Or maybe it's because the warm weather makes us feel happier and more alive. Whatever the reason, there is no denying that Summer means lots of goodness awaits.

St Mary's is a very special place, the staff, parents and community here are continually dedicated to creating the best opportunities for children to thrive and we look forward to working with you in partnership to ensure that we always achieve this aim.

Thank you for your continued support. On behalf of all at St Mary's may I wish you a glorious month of June and God's Richest blessings for the rest of the Summer term.

Mrs. S.M. Hall  
Headteacher  
St. Mary's C.E. (A) Primary School

## ACADEMIC YEAR 2023 - 2024 – SCHOOL HOLIDAY PATTERN

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

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

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

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

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – INSET day – school closed**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023 - Bank Holiday Monday**

**Staff INSET days**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

**6 twilight sessions tbc**