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May 2017 Newsletter

Believe and Achieve

To provide a fun, stimulating and excellent education which enables each child to achieve their full potential, academically, spiritually, emotionally and socially in a safe, Christian environment.

Dear Parents, Children & Friends,
¡Hola, todo el mundo! (Hello, everyone!)

Parking and Respect for Local Residents

Today, I have once again received strong complaints from local residents about the parking on the entrance to and along Westdown Gardens. Parking is being reported as dangerous, with no consideration or respect for the residents and their property. Double parking on the entrance to this Cul-de-sac is compromising the safety of ALL our pupils. Details of this complaint have now been sent to the Police and Oldham Council.

PLEASE when you are parking your car for school drop-off and collection **AVOID PARKING ON WESTDOWN GARDENS** - your parking is causing distress, obstruction and compromising safety.

The school works hard to maintain excellent relationships with the community and particularly our close neighbours and this ongoing issue is now jeopardising this relationship and becoming an unnecessary distraction to the work of the school.

ST. MARY'S SUPPORT GROUP NEWS:

The next events for the Support Group are:

- Lucy Cobb Fashion Show, in School Wednesday 17th May at 7pm, Admission £5:00 which includes a glass of Prosecco. Tickets are still available to order from the School Office or member of the Support Group.
- Sponsored Bounce Friday 23rd June 2017 - details to follow
- Assisting with the Donkey Derby Saturday 1st July
- Leavers School Disco Thursday 20th July

150 Club

Winning numbers at the last 150 club draw: 107, 29, 99, 18, 55, 129. Congratulations to all the winners. The next draw will be on Friday 26th May.

END OF YEAR ASSESSMENTS IN SCHOOL:

Our Year 6 pupils will be taking their SAT's during the week commencing 8th May. We wish all our pupils well, we know they have worked hard and prepared well under the direction of Mr Day and will do their very best. All that is left now, is to wish them the very best of luck and remind them to have lots of early nights and relaxation in readiness for next week.

Key Stage 2 children (Years 3 - 5) will take their Summer Assessments weeks commencing 15th and 22nd May
Year 2 end of Key Stage 1 assessments will take place between Tuesday 15th May and 8th June inclusive.

Attendance at school is critical during these weeks.

YEAR 1 PHONICS SCREENING:

Year 1 and a small number of Year 2 pupils will complete the statutory phonic screening check introduced by the Government three years ago. The phonics screening is a short, light-touch assessment to confirm whether individual pupils have learnt phonic decoding to an appropriate standard. It comprises of a list of 40 words and non-words, which pupils will read one-to-one with their class teacher. Schools are required to administer the check during the week of the 12 - 16 June 2017. Outcomes of the screening will be reported to parents on their annual school report. Should any child **not** meet the required standard set by the Government, then additional help and support will be given to those individuals and they will be given a further opportunity to be screened at the end of Year 2.

CLASS AND TEAM PHOTOGRAPHS:

Class and team photographs will take place on the morning of **Thursday 18th May**. Please can all pupils wear full school uniform (no summer dresses) the photographs look very smart if all pupils are wearing their blue shirts and school ties. Can all the children who have represented the school in one of our team's football, netball or cricket, **please ensure they have their outdoor P.E kit in school on this day. Also gymnasts and badminton players will need their kits. In addition Band will need their instruments.**

Once again Year 6 pupils will have a very different but special type of photograph taken, as their last year at St. Mary's.

SUN SAFE POLICY:

With the hope of warmer weather arriving, may I take this opportunity to remind you of our Sun Safe Policy. The children can be outside at lunchtime for a long time and unfortunately there is very little shade in our playground. Children should bring in a sun hat to wear **clearly marked** with their name. In addition we recommend that you put a high factor, 'all day' sun cream on your child **before** they come to school in the morning. Children can bring to school their own **named** sun cream to apply to themselves before they play out. For this to work and cause the least amount of fuss, it is important that you teach the children at home how much sun cream to apply and where to apply it. It must also be stressed that they are **NOT** to share sun creams. If the children do not have any sun cream on, then we will encourage pupils to cover up.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES:

Firstly congratulations to Year 4 for an outstanding Easter Service last term - what a fabulous way to start the Easter holidays. All pupils performed superbly and were a credit to the school. Well done to all performers!

Forthcoming Class Assemblies are:

Friday 5th May at 9:10am - Reception

Friday 26th May at 9:10am - Year 1

LINKS WITH ST. MARY'S CHURCH:

The Rose Queen Crowning will take place on Sunday 14th May in church, followed by refreshments in school everyone is welcome to attend, please support.

PE KIT:

Please can you ensure your child brings the correct PE kit to school for their PE lessons.

The PE kit consists of:

- White tee shirt, Dark blue shorts (a gym-skirt may be worn if preferred for older pupils)
- Black Indoor Pumps (trainers are more suitable for outdoor activities but not for indoor P.E.)
- For outdoor PE pupils may be requested to bring a warm top and tracksuit bottoms during colder weather. We would encourage darker colours e.g. navy, grey. Hoods on tops will be asked to be tucked in for Health and Safety reasons.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

W/C	8th May	Year 2 SAT's
	12th May	Reception Stay and Play 8:50 - 9:30am
	12th May	Year 6 Celebration visit to High Crompton Park
W/C	15th May &	
	22nd May	Yr 3-5 Internal Assessments
	16th May	Y6 Mosque Visit
		Y1 Road Safety Talks in school
	17th May	Lucy Cobb Fashion Show 7pm
	18th May:	Class and Team Photographs
	19th May	Debbie Abrahams (MP) to visit Yr 6
	24th May	Reception Visit to Smithills Farm
	25th May	New Reception Intake Meeting 6:00 - 7:00pm
	26th May	Y4 Visit to Yorkshire Farming Museum
		Y1 Class Assembly
	6th June:	Y5 Visit to Mayor's Chambers
	8th June	Y3 Visit to Castleshaw
	9th June:	Reception Stay and Play 8:50 - 9:30am
W/C	12th June:	Year 1 Phonics Screening
	13th June	Year 5 visit to Gudwara
	14th June	Year 6 Visit to Manchester Cathedral for their Leaver's Service
	16th June:	Music Festival (details to follow)
W/C	19th June:	Healthy Schools Week
	20th June:	Junior Sports Day 9:45am (weather permitting)
	21st June:	Infant Sports Day 9:45am (weather permitting)
	21st June	Y6 visit to St Mary's Church
	23rd June:	Sponsored Bounce in school
	29th June	Y1 Visit to Oldham Coliseum with pupils from Braodfield
	1st July:	Donkey Derby Event
	6th July	Badminton Tournament - details to follow
	7th July	Reception Stay and Play
	7th July:	School Reports to Parents
	11th July:	Yr 6 Leavers Production at 1:45pm for the community
		Yr 6 Leavers Production at 7pm
	13th July:	Yr 6 Leavers Production at 7pm
	20th July	Leavers Disco in school
	21st July:	Year 6 Leavers Service at St Mary's Church 9:30am

Kind regards,

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