

St Mary's Church of



England Primary School

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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,

Welcome back to everyone after our long summer holiday, and a special welcome to our new Reception pupils who are joining us for the first time.

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS AND NEW RECEPTION ADMISSIONS

If your pupil is currently in Year 6, or if you have a son or daughter who is looking for a Reception place in September 2018, then information about how to apply to schools is now available.

If you reside in Oldham please go to: www.oldham.gov.uk/admissions

If you reside in Rochdale please go to: www.rochdale.gov.uk/admissions

Please Note: If you are applying to voluntary aided schools (eg Church Schools) they may require you to fill in a supplementary form or provide documentation, in addition to the application you make to the Local Authority. Supplementary forms are available from the relevant school.

*Any parent wishing to apply for a Reception place at St. Mary's CE Primary School **MUST** complete a supplementary form (available from the school office).*

If you don't have access to the internet at home, there are computers in all Oldham's libraries. You will need an email address, but these are very easy to set up and staff will be happy to help.

Deadlines for making an application:

Secondary 31st October 2017

Primary 15th January 2018

STAFFING:

This term we welcome Miss Ogden who has joined our Support Staff team in Year 3. We also welcome Miss Godfrey who we are supporting on a Teaching Assistant placement in Reception two days per week.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS:

Firstly a huge thank you to the Year 6 who have just left for leading such a wonderful leavers' service and brought a wonderful close to an excellent school year. The service was a credit to the pupils, and the hard work and dedication of those members of staff who worked with them - a huge thank you to everyone involved.

As our Year 6 pupils left St. Mary's in the summer, the school received several extremely generous gifts from pupils and their parents. Jacob Clarke and his family have provided the school with art materials for all classes to use and enjoy. Niamh (and Ethan) Buckley and their family have bought professional music folders, with the schools name embossed, for the School Band to use when they perform at concerts. A huge thank you to the families concerned, your generosity will benefit many pupils both now and in the future.

The Staff and Governors of St. Mary's wish all our pupils well as they move onto their secondary schools.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES:

29th September: Year 2 MacMillan Coffee Morning at 9:10am. This will be followed by tea and coffee and cakes on sale to raise money for this charity (see details below).

20th October: Harvest Service in Church: Led by Year 3 at 9:45am in St. Mary's Church.

27th October: Reception pupils with their Year 6 buddies at 9:10am in school.

FRIDAY CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

A reminder that celebration assemblies are on **Fridays** at 2:50-3:25pm. All parents and grandparents are welcome to attend. Please note that Reception pupils will not join us for these assemblies for the first few weeks whilst they settle into school.

Class assemblies will continue to be each Friday morning at 9:10am. Dates of class assemblies are detailed in the monthly newsletters.

SAT's 2016 -2017

We are absolutely delighted with SAT's results at Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 and we are very proud of all the pupils who worked so hard. Well done to all our pupils !

Year 2			Year 6		
	<i>% of pupils attaining expected at St Mary's</i>	<i>National Data - % of pupils attaining expected</i>		<i>% of pupils attaining expected at St Mary's</i>	<i>National Data - % of pupils attaining expected</i>
Reading	81%	76%	Reading	90%	71%
Writing	74%	68%	Writing	93%	76%
SPaG	80%	N/A	SPaG	97%	77%
Maths	81%	75%	Maths	90%	75%

ST. MARY'S SUPPORT GROUP NEWS:

Details of forthcoming events will be sent shortly through a Support Group Newsletter. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 17th October at 7:00pm in the North Star - everyone is invited and welcome to attend.

Winning numbers of the 150 club draw in are: 98, 4, 119, 60, 110 and 103

The next draw will be on Friday 29th September. If you are not yet a member and would like to join, please call in at the school office or contact a member of the Support Group to collect a form; we still have numbers available.

Future Events

Sunday 1st October St Mary's Fest (organised by St Mary's Men's Society)

Thursday 26th October School Disco

Thursday 9th November Christmas Markets (in school)

Details to follow about the above events.

LINKS WITH ST. MARY'S CHURCH:

A huge thank you to the Men's Society who have donated half of the proceeds from the Family Fun Day £3186.00 to the School/Support Group. Over the summer we have had essential electrical work undertaken particularly in the school hall with a new roof and lighting installed. These funds will now allow us to complete this work and install new stage lighting, a new sound system and an updated projector. These works will be completed in the October half Term.

You may also be aware that the Men's Society are organising a St Mary's Fest (Sunday 1st October 2-7pm) which Support Group members are also helping with. All monies raised will benefit the pupils of St Mary's School so please come along. Tickets are still available from the school office.

MUSIC TUITION:

For those pupils who receive music tuition, our timetable is as follows;

Wednesday: Band Rehearsal 8:30 - 9:00am, pupils to arrive at 8:25am and come into school through the Infant door adjacent to the playground. (School band includes Brass, Woodwind and Percussion. Pupils are invited to join the School Band as they become proficient players, usually after 12months.)
Brass tuition 9:00 - 11:30am
Woodwind tuition 9:00 - 12:00pm
Percussion Tuition 1:00 - 1:30pm

SCHOOL LUNCHES:

The cost of school meals remains at £2.10 per day, £10.50 per week. Please can I remind parents that dinner money is payable on a **Monday**. Late payments do create additional work for our Administrative Staff. In addition, please also consider the new option of paying on line using Parent Pay.

DEBT MANAGEMENT POLICY:

It is recommended that every School has a policy which outlines procedures followed for managing debts. Please be aware that this policy is now available on our school website.

PARENTS EVENINGS

These evenings will be held on:

Tuesday 24th October - 2:50 - 6:10 p.m.

Wednesday 25th October - 2:50 - 6:10 p.m.

The appointments commence at 2:50pm and all appointments are allocated **10 minutes**. If you have a particular issue to discuss, which may take longer than 10 minutes please make a further appointment with the class teacher or Headteacher. This avoids inconveniencing other parents who may have more than one appointment in school.

APPOINTMENTS CAN BE MADE FROM 10th OCTOBER FROM 8:45AM

Please telephone or call into the school office to make your appointments.

Please do not e-mail requests.

If your appointment is between 2:50 and 3:10pm, please go straight to your child's classroom using the main School Entrance. Your child's tray will be outside their classroom. Please feel free to walk through the School Hall where the children will be sat for assembly. For appointments after 3:30pm, we ask parents to gather in the hall, where their children's work will be available. An adult will then notify parents when the class teacher is ready.

Please note ALL pupils will be dismissed **from their classrooms**. There will be a short break in

appointments from 3:20 -3:40pm whilst pupils are dismissed. **Please collect your child as usual before coming back into school for any parents evening appointment.**

The Support Group will also be at both Parents Evenings, where they will be taking orders for School Tea Towels. Each child in school has drawn a picture of themselves and these will be depicted on a St Mary's tea towel. A sample will be available to view on these evenings.

FAMILY & INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS:

The photographer will be in school to take individual and family school photographs on the morning of the 5th October. We invite parents with pre-school children to come into school at the beginning of the school day (from 8:30am) if they wish to have a family portrait. In response to requests by parents, we allow children to be photographed either in school uniform or appropriate clothes of parents' choice. The majority of parents still choose to have pictures in uniform and this is **NOT** a non-uniform day. Children should change back into their school uniform once the photograph has been taken.

CAPTAIN'S TABLE:

We continue with the Captain's Table. For those parents new to school this will be a decorated 'Top Table' in the dining hall, where children will sit with an adult guest and receive priority serving and have juice with their meal. The Midday Supervisors reward good behaviour and manners during lunchtimes by inviting one child from each class to sit with a friend at the Captain's Table during Wednesday lunchtimes. To gain a place at the Captain's Table, children will have demonstrated that they are a helpful person showing a positive attitude during lunchtimes and following our Golden Rules.

PARKING

We regularly ask parents to be respectful to our neighbours when parking their cars at the start and end of the school day. Today I have received a complaint from PRIMROSE HILL COURT about cars parking and using the area as a turning circle. **Please can you refrain from using this area.** If someone else brings your child to school (eg child minders, grandparents) please ensure they are aware of these issues.

MEDICINES IN SCHOOL

Medicines are only administered at school where it is essential and detrimental/life threatening to a child's health if the medicine were not administered during the school day. Short term antibiotic medicines and over the counter medicines cannot be administered.

Essential medicines which can be administered must be in the original container and have been prescribed by a doctor, dentist, nurse prescriber or pharmacist prescriber and labelled with the child's name, medicine name, dosage and date. All medicines in school will have a medical permission slip completed by the parent OR a health care plan provided by a Healthcare Professional. All medicines must be within an expiry date and will be returned to parents at the end of each academic year.

THE DAILY MILE



Today we launched the Daily Mile with all our pupils. The Daily Mile is where pupils are encouraged to walk, jog or run safely around the school path. The purpose is for everyone to have fun. The benefits not only include health, it builds friendships, confidence and increases focus. Once a week each class will go out with their Class Teachers and each lunchtime there is an opportunity for all pupils to walk a daily mile if they choose. To add a further incentive we have challenged the children, in their colour teams, if they can accumulate enough miles as a team to reach the North Pole by Christmas. Look for our display in the school hall to

see how each team is getting along !



AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES FOR THIS HALF TERM:

- Monday: Zumba 3:30 - 4:30pm Year 1,2,3 and 4
- Tuesday: Mr Gardner's Badminton 8:30 - 9:00am
Infant Fun Club 12:00 - 12:30 with Mr Gordon (Sports Development Officer)
Fun Club: 12:30 -1:00 Yr3 - 4 with Mr Gordon (Sports Development Officer)
Multi Skills Club: 3:30 - 4:30pm Yrs 3,4 this half term with Mr Gordon (Sports Development Officer)
Netball Club 3:30 - 4:30pm Year 6 Girls with Mrs Whitmore
- Wednesday: Mr Gardner's Badminton 3:30 - 4:30pm
- Thursday: Football 3:30 - 4:30pm Yrs 4, 5 and 6 with Mr F Shaw
ICT club 12:00 - 12:30 Year 6 with Mr Taylor
Choir 3:30 -4:30pm with Mrs Housley and Mrs Roberts
- Friday: Gymnastics 3:30 -5:00pm with Mrs Oxley

FORTHCOMING DATES:

- 25th September Fire Service to visit Year 6 - Firework Safety
- 27th September Phonics Evening for Reception, Y1 and Y2 Parents 6:00pm
- 29th September Macmillan Coffee Morning : Assembly at 9:10am Coffee and cakes 10:00 - 11:00
- 29th September Y3 visit to Broadfield Primary School to look at the festival of Eid - this is part of the schools linking project
- 3rd October Y6 visit to Castleshaw
- 5th October Family and Individual School Photographs
- W/c 9th October Book week (details to follow)
- 20th October Harvest Service in church. 9:45am led by Year 3
- 24th October Parents Evenings 3:00 - 6:10 pm
- 25th October Parents Evenings 3:00 - 6:10 pm
- 27st October Reception and Year 6 Buddy Assembly at 9:10am
Break for Half term

Half Term: 28th October - 5th November inclusive School re opens on Monday 6th November

Macmillan Coffee Morning

The world's BIGGEST coffee morning!

On Friday 29th September Year Two from St. Mary's are holding a 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning'.
The coffee morning will be held in
St. Mary's school hall
10:00 am to 11:00 am.

We do this to help Macmillan nurses who support people who have cancer.

Parents, grandparents, friends of St Mary's and the Shaw community are all welcome.

There will be a **raffle** and other **games** held for adults, and **cakes** and **tea/coffee** will be sold for small donations.

Pupils are invited to bring 50p for a drink and biscuit.

Please help us support this very worthy cause!



Kind regards,
P.A Hartley
Headteacher

