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## March 2018 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.*

#### ST. MARY'S SUPPORT GROUP NEWS:

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm in the North Star - all welcome.

#### Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea

A huge thank you to everyone who supported this event. After a slow start with ticket sales it did finish a sell-out event and was enjoyed by all who attended. The School Band played extremely well and it was great to provide the pupils with an opportunity to play to an audience. The event raised just over £400 which is fantastic. Thank you also to all the organisers of the event and all donations of sandwiches and cakes.



The next events for the Support Group are:

- **St Mary's Cake Off: 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

Following the success of previous years, the Cake Off is back!

The competition is open to all key stages, with a winner and runner up from each class.

Children are asked to bring their cakes into school on the morning of Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April when they will then be judged. Cakes can be small cup-cakes, larger cakes, themed cakes - children can be as imaginative as they like!

The cakes will then be sold to parents and friends at a coffee morning to be held in the school hall from 10.00am. Children will also be given the opportunity to purchase cakes for 50p.



**We are sure your child will love bringing their creations into school so please GET BAKING and don't forget to join us for Coffee and Cakes on the 20<sup>th</sup> April at 10:15 - 11:15am !**

Winning numbers at the last 150 club draw: 137, 142, 94, 67, 71. Congratulations to all the winners. The next draw will be on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March and this will include the bonus draw of £500.

## PRIMARY OFFER DAY – 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018:

You will be informed of which school your child has been offered by email, you will receive an email on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

If you do not receive an email, please check for the email in your junk/spam folder before contacting the School Admissions office at the Local Authority (phone 0161 770 4213). Or you can log back into your account. You will need your user name, password, security question and answer to access the account.

Further information about school admissions, including school appeals, can be found on the Oldham Council website [www.oldham.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.oldham.gov.uk/admissions)

**Please Note:** The School Admissions Office will **not** be able to inform you of which school your child has been offered over the telephone

## SAT'S WEEK:

Our Year 6 pupils will be taking their SAT's during the week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> May. The results of these tests will be reported to parents on the annual school report.

*Schedule for the tests issued by the DFE :*

Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>English grammar, punctuation and spelling test:</b> Paper 1 short answer questions.  <b>English grammar, punctuation and spelling test:</b> Paper 2 spelling.
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>English reading test.</b>
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Mathematics:</b> Paper 1 arithmetic test.  <b>Mathematics:</b> Paper 2 reasoning.
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Mathematics:</b> Paper 3 reasoning.



## ATTENDANCE:

We are delighted to announce that 142 children have been awarded attendance badges for their high attendance during the first Spring half term in 2018. 127 of these badges were awarded to children who came to school every day during last half term. The class with the highest attendance during this half term was Year 3. Congratulations to all 142 children and their parents for ensuring such super attendance.

We want to continue encouraging our children to recognise the importance of their learning opportunities and will continue to reward excellent attendance as **every lesson counts**.

## CLASS ASSEMBLIES:

Two super class assemblies have been presented by Year 1 and Year 5 earlier this term. All the pupils performed brilliantly; Year 1 with their theme of the Weather and Year 5 all about the Vikings! Well done and thank you to all the pupils and staff involved.

## Forthcoming assemblies are:

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 9:10am - Reception



### EASTER SERVICE

The Easter service will be held on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> March at 9:45am led by Year 4 at St. Mary's Church. We will be joined by our Year 3 friends from Broadfield, who will spend the day with us in school.

### EXPERIENCE EASTER

The children and staff would like to thank all those involved in providing a **wonderful** Experience Easter event. The experience was memorable, reflective and spiritual. These events are experiences that our pupils look forward to, learn from and bring a Christian Festival to life. We look forward to further experiences in the future to celebrate and deepen children's understanding of the key events in the Church Calendar. Please follow the link to see more images from our special day.

<https://www.stmaryscecrompton.oldham.sch.uk/category/school-events/>

### EGG DECORATING COMPETITION

The egg decorating competition closes on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Don't forget to call in to take a look on Wednesday after school. Winners will be announced in the Easter Service on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April. We look forward to seeing the children's entries.

### PROMOTING THE CHRISTIAN VALUES

In Worship next half term, we will conclude our thinking about 'Koinonia' and begin to think about the Christian Value 'Truthfulness'. Please see our 'Christian Values' section under the 'Learning' menu on the school website or follow this link :

<https://www.stmaryscecrompton.oldham.sch.uk/wpcontent/uploads/2016/09/TRUTHFULNESS.pdf>

Here you will find fun activities for your family to do together.

### CLASS AND TEAM PHOTOGRAPHS:

Class and team photographs will take place on the morning of **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June**. 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.

Please 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.**

In addition the **Year 6** pupils will also have a very different but special type of photograph taken, as a memento of their last year at St. Mary's. **This photograph will be taken on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May**. Please ensure full winter uniform is also worn on this day.

### JUST A FEW POLICY REMINDERS.....

Nail varnish and jewellery are not allowed; wrist watches may be worn.

**All long hair needs to be tied back** due to health and safety reasons.

Hair should be smart and appropriate for school and should be of a natural colour. **Hairstyles, which are deemed to be extreme by the school, are not permitted.** There must be no patterns/tramlines or extreme height. As guidance **hair should be no shorter than 3 on top and 2 on the sides.** (Taken from the school prospectus, reviewed annually by the Governing Body)

**Also ....**

Some children are coming into school wearing bows and headbands that are an excessive size, whereby you notice the bow and not the child. When we return after the Easter Holiday, to avoid any upset to your child, please do not send them in wearing the large bows because they will be asked to remove it. These in particular are more of a fashion statement rather than a useful way to fasten hair.

## SCHOOL MEALS and DINNER MONEY:

PLEASE NOTE: **ALL** Dinner money **MUST** be paid on a Monday **AND** in advance.

It can also be paid in advance either half termly or termly. The cost for the next half term: Mon 16 April - Fri 25 May 2018 is £60.90. The cost for the whole term is £132.30

Please note our preferred method of payment is Parent Pay. If you need any assistance please contact the school office. Thank you



## E - SAFETY

It has come to our attention that many pupils are accessing the online game Fortnite - this game is rated a 12+ and contains cartoon graphic images of fighting and shooting. In addition, there are Youtube clips relating to this game and the report about these clips state that the content of these sites have explicit language in them. As part of safeguarding young people, we ask that you actively monitor your young person's viewing on You Tube and on line gaming.

## HOLIDAYS:

Please note School will close on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March and we re-open on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April.

## HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

A reminder that holidays taken during term time will always be unauthorised. You may also be subject to a fixed penalty notice as per the local authority guidelines, you can find details at [https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/200226/schools\\_and\\_colleges/1834/poor\\_attendance\\_at\\_school\\_-\\_penalty\\_notices](https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/200226/schools_and_colleges/1834/poor_attendance_at_school_-_penalty_notices)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

17<sup>th</sup> April Yr5 visit to Castleshaw

20<sup>th</sup> April St Mary's Cake Off Competition, with Cofee Morning at 10:15am

21<sup>st</sup> April Choir to perform at the Rose Queen crowning at St Mary's Church

26<sup>th</sup> April Year 4 visit to the Hindu Temple

4<sup>th</sup> May Year 3 visit to Castleshaw

**7th May School Closed**

9<sup>th</sup> May New Reception Welcome Evening 5:45pm

10<sup>th</sup> May Yr 4 Mock Wedding at St Mary's Church

11<sup>th</sup> May: Reception Class Assembly

11<sup>th</sup> May: Year 6 Photograph

14<sup>th</sup> May: Year 6 SAT's week

23<sup>rd</sup> May Support Group Fashion Show - Lucy Cobb

**28<sup>th</sup> May - 4<sup>th</sup> June inclusive, school closed.**

Kind regards,

P.A Hartley

*Headteacher*