

St Mary's Church of



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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,

We are fast approaching the end of term and this academic year.

ST. MARY'S SUPPORT GROUP NEWS:

The Support Group continues to work extremely hard in raising money for school. My sincere thanks on behalf of Governors, staff and pupils to everyone who has been involved in organising or supporting fund raising events.

150Club: Winning Numbers from the June Draw are : 35, 25, 97, 7, 17, 142

The next draw will be on Friday 20th July. This draw will include the end of term £500 draw.

LINKS WITH ST MARY'S CHURCH:

During this academic year each class has visited St. Mary's Church and Father Alan and Father Daniel have led lessons to support the pupils RE curriculum. These lessons have included a Baptism and our very own wedding in Year 3. Our sincere thanks to Father Alan and Father Daniel for their time and support given to make these visits possible, the pupils really look forward to and learn a great deal from the visits.

The Men's Society ran and organised St. Mary's Donkey Derby. It was a fabulous day and extremely well supported, thank you to everyone who helped in any way and thank you to the School Band for opening the event superbly. The Men's Society have donated £3000 to the school from funds raised which will be spent on the pupils of St Mary's, a huge thank you to the Men's Society for this generous donation. A thank you also to the Men's Society for kindly paying for the bibles which will be presented to Year 6 as they leave St. Mary's School.

YEAR 5 APPLICATION TO SECONDARY SCHOOLS:

How you apply for a place at secondary school depends on where you live. The application has to be made to the Local Authority in which you live. Please see below for further details.

Oldham Residents:

Your child is due to start secondary school in September 2019. This is a very exciting and important time. I am writing to make you aware of how and when you need to apply and where to access information to guide you through this process.

You will need to complete an application using the online application system available on the Oldham Council website. It's quick and easy and ensures school offers can be made efficiently via e-mail. Applying on line is the only form of application as Oldham Council no longer provides paper application forms.

The online system will open on **1 August 2018** and close at **5pm on 31 October 2018.**

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

Some voluntary aided schools may want you to fill in a supplementary form or provide documentation in addition to the application. Supplementary forms are available from and returned to the relevant school.

To enable you to have a look at what is on offer, all Oldham secondary schools will be holding open evenings during the autumn term. You will be able to access further information, a guide and links to school websites by logging onto www.oldham.gov.uk/admissions

The closing date for all applications is **5pm 31 October 2018**. Any application received after this time will be classed as late and will not be processed until all the on time applications have been allocated a school place.

Should you have any initial queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Admissions Team by telephone on 0161 770 4213.

Rochdale Residents:

Parents of children who live in Rochdale should check the 'School Places' section of the Rochdale council website for details of the application process and deadlines (www.rochdale.gov.uk). Alternatively you can contact the Admissions Team on telephone 0300 303 0340 or email school.admissions@rochdale.gov.uk for further information.

SAT's

We are absolutely delighted with St Mary's Key Stage 2 SAT's results and very proud of all the Year 6 pupils who worked so hard. Well done Year 6 !

Year 6				
	% of pupils attaining expected at St Mary's	<i>National Data - % of pupils attaining expected 2018</i>	% of pupils attaining predicted Greater Depth at St Mary's	<i>National Data - % of pupils attaining greater depth 2017</i>
Reading	100%	75%	60%	25%
Writing	87%	78%	17%	18%
SPaG	93%	78%	63%	31%
Maths	97%	76%	30%	23%

Combined Reading, Writing, Maths at Expected 87%, National 64% (2018)

Combined Reading, Writing, Maths at Greater Depth 13%, National 9% (2017)

It's that time of year again, the Summer Reading Challenge is nearly upon us!



The Summer Reading Challenge gets three quarters of a million children into libraries to keep up their reading skills during the long summer holidays.

For 2018 Summer Reading Challenge the theme is 'Mischief Makers', celebrating the 80th anniversary of the much-loved comic Beano and as always there are some wonderful incentives for primary school children taking part in the 6 book challenge.

The Summer Reading Challenge is taking place at all libraries in Oldham from Saturday 21 July until Saturday 15 September for ages 4-11.

Read any six library books of your choice and collect Mischief Maker rewards along the way. Once you have read the six books you will receive a certificate and a medal.

To book for summer activities and for further information visit www.oldham.gov.uk/libraries

SCHOOL UNIFORM:

We are very proud of how smart pupils from St Mary's School look and this is often commented upon when we are out on visits. One of the reasons pupils look so smart is because of the compliance with the school uniform, thank you for your support in this matter. Occasionally pupils do deviate from the school agreed uniform, particularly regarding trousers, socks and shoes, therefore can I politely remind you of the school uniform ahead of purchasing any new items over the summer.

St. Mary's School uniform

- Pale blue shirt or blouse
- Grey school trousers (not canvas)** or skirt
- (blue & white cotton - usually gingham - dresses may be worn in •the summer)
- Dark grey jumper or cardigan
- Grey or white socks
- (in cold weather, grey or dark tights may also be worn)
- Navy blue & gold tie (available from school)

Both boys and girls may wear smart, grey trousers. **Black shoes should be worn in school. Trainers are not permitted.**

PE Kit – A standard PE kit will be required at all times and can be kept in school. This comprises: black pumps (**and** outdoor trainers for the Juniors), white tee shirt, dark blue shorts / PE skirt or 'skorts'. An outdoor kit will be needed for the colder months - which is an additional **dark coloured** hoodless top and dark, plain tracksuit bottoms. **All PE kit, including the Juniors should be brought in a PE drawstring bag. Large bags are not permitted due to limited space.**



IN ADDITION

Please can you note the school policy on jewellery and hair is as follows:

Jewellery

For safety reasons, jewellery is not allowed in school, with the exception of watches. This means that earrings and studs are not allowed in school. Watches should be removed for physical education and games. **Pupils who come to school wearing earrings WILL be asked to remove them, plasters are not acceptable to cover newly pierced ears.**

Hair

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.** No make-up or nail varnish is permitted.

Pencil Cases

There is **no need to bring a pencil case to school in any year group;** all equipment is provided.

Labels

Please ensure your child's name is **labelled** in everything - including pumps, trainers and ties.

BOOK BAGS

All pupils in school from Reception to Year 6 are required to have a book bag. **Please do not send large rucksack type bags as an alternative as we cannot store these in the small cloakroom areas.**

ATTENDANCE

We are delighted to announce that 153 children have been awarded attendance badges for their high attendance during the first summer half term in 2018. Of these badges 129 were awarded to children who came to school every day during last half term. Congratulations to all 153 children and their parents for ensuring such superb attendance. Well done especially to Year 1 who were the class with the highest attendance last half term.

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.

PUNCTUALITY and LATENESS

A reminder that lessons start at 9am **prompt** and pupils should be in their classrooms ready to learn at 9am. Arriving at the school office at 9 o'clock is classed as late. Please ensure that your child is on the playground at 8:50am ready for the whistle to be blown at 8:55am. There are now an increasing number of pupils arriving late daily and we ask that you work with school to encourage punctuality with our pupils.

YEAR 6: LEAVERS PRODUCTION:

Another outstanding Year 6 Leaver's Performance 'Ye Ha', which brought both laughter and admiration for our pupils' talents. The standard was as always exceptionally high and thoroughly enjoyed by all who came to watch. My thanks to our Year 6 pupils, Mr Day and Mrs Roberts for all their hard work, time and commitment. My thanks also to Mrs Hill, for costumes, props and the magnificent scenery. Thanks also to Luke, for their technical assistance with sound and lighting and Mrs Myers for the choreography. Finally, a big thank you to all the adults who gave up their time to help with refreshments at the community performance and the Support Group for selling raffle tickets. What a fantastic team and a performance to be remembered. Well done again to the Year 6 pupils - what fabulous memories they will have to take into their secondary schools.

LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY:

The Year 6 Leavers service on Friday 20th July will start at 9:30am in church, however church will be open from 9:00am where tea, coffee and biscuits will be available.

Please note there will be no usual Friday assembly in school, on this day.

DOGS IN SCHOOL:

Please can I take this opportunity to remind all Parents/Carers that for Health and Safety reasons NO DOGS are permitted on the school premises at any time. This includes within the school gates at the lower entrance. This has always been the policy of the school and is there to ensure all pupils are safe within our grounds. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

ICT:

Please remember to look at our school website - newsletters from school and your class are posted onto the site for your reference. Pictures of recent events are also uploaded. Remember you can also follow us on twitter: www.twitter.com/stmarysce. Twitter has a direct feed to our website on the right hand side of the home page and important messages and updates can be found here.

RETURN TO SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER:

May I take this opportunity to remind parents that school will re-open on Tuesday 4th September for pupils.

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation. Can I take this opportunity to wish you all a restful and enjoyable holiday !

Kind regards,
P.A Hartley
Headteacher