

Newsletter October 2018

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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,

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 2019, 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 2018 5pm

Primary 15th January 2019 5pm

GOVERNOR NEWS:

Our Governing Body Members remain the same with no new vacancies. At the last Full Governing Body Meeting Mr Benson was re-elected as the Chair of Governors of St. Mary's School and Mr. Green as the Vice Chair of Governors.

A full list of Governors can be found in school on the Governor notice board and will be fully updated on the website with each Governor's linking role after the next Full Governing Body Meeting in November.



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LINKS WITH ST. MARY'S CHURCH:

Thank you to all parents and families who made monetary or food donations for Christian Aid and Oldham Foodbank at the Harvest Festival. Well done Year 3 for leading a beautiful service for us. All the children were amazing, speaking with clarity and singing beautifully whilst conveying the importance of Harvest.

NON UNIFORM DAY: Friday 9th November

As many of you may be aware St. Mary's Church are holding a Christmas Fair on Saturday 24th November, in school. To support this fund raising event, the organisers would like school to hold a non-uniform day, with the charge being an item of chocolate. All chocolate donations will then be used at the Christmas Fair.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Macmillan World's Largest Coffee Morning.

Another huge well done to our Year 2 pupils, Mrs Barlow and Mrs Hardman for the class assembly they presented in support of Macmillan Cancer. I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of the World's Largest Coffee Morning. The amount raised this year was £523.99. To date St. Mary's School has raised a fabulous £11,099.79 for this cause!

SCHOOL COUNCIL:

The newly elected school councillors are:

Year 6	Meadow Thornley	Harry Hague
Year 5	Roman Wafer	Phoebe Atkins
Year 4	Callum Birch	Ava Finnerty
Year 3	Thomas Prenton	Alisha Clegg
Year 2	Emilee Crompton	Jacob Johnstone

We look forward to their valuable contributions throughout the school year

PLAYGROUND BUDDIES:

Year 6 Lily-Ann Gibson
 Year 6 Lucy Mayhew
 Year 6 Maya Kershaw
 Year 5 Olivia Jenkins
 Year 5 Eleena Llado
 Year 5 Jasmin Webster
 Year 5 Evie McCoy
 Year 4 Martha Stott
 Year 4 Eryn Hall
 Year 3 Scarlett Hegarty
 Year 3 Evie Mayhew
 Year 2 Ruby Hall
 Year 2 Hollie Atkins

Our playground buddies play an important role in helping pupils at playtimes and organising games and equipment.



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ASSEMBLIES:

A fantastic class assembly was held this morning by our Reception and Year 6 pupils. Pupils spoke, sang and performed superbly and really demonstrated the importance of the friendship and the strength and value of the Buddy scheme in school. Well done to all our pupils and to Reverend Dorothy for presenting our youngest pupils with a prayer book to welcome them to St Mary's School.

The next class assembly will be the Year 4 class assembly on Friday 23rd November; this will take place in the school hall starting at 9:10am, all parents, grandparents are welcome to attend.

Please note there will be no assembly on Friday 30th November or Friday 21st December.

MUSICAL EVENTS:

The School Band, will perform at the School Carol Service Friday 21st December at 9:30am

The School Choir have been asked to:

perform at St Pauls Church on Sat 1st December at 11:30am

perform at St James Church, Huddersfield Road on Sat 1st December at 6:30pm

perform at the School Carol Service Friday 21st December at 9:30am

Please keep these dates free in your diary and a letter with more details will follow.

ST. MARY'S SUPPORT GROUP NEWS:

The winning numbers on the 150 club were 143, 144, 81, 147, 118, 1 and 119. The next draw will be on Friday 23rd November. The next Support Group Meeting will be on the Wednesday 7th November at 7:00pm, in the North Star, everyone is welcome.

Future events in school:

Friday 9th November, The Raffle draw to win a 40 inch TV. Tickets still available, see Support Group or the School Office.

ATTENDANCE and HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

As you will be aware from our attendance policy we do not authorise holidays during term time. This is because as a school we understand how important attendance is to our pupils' education and progress. Therefore, we would like to reinforce our request that all family holidays are planned in accordance with the school holiday pattern.

The Local Authority have also asked us to make Parents/Carers aware that they have reinstated fixed penalty fines for unauthorised absences due to term time holidays.

By law, the school can only authorise absences in term time for illness or exceptional family circumstances which make absences in term time unavoidable. If you need to request authorisation for a pupil's absence, contact the school via letter or email. Please provide full details including the proposed dates, the reason for the proposed absence and any evidence necessary to support your request.

Thank you for your support with this matter.



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MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Wed 7 th Nov	Year 6 Orangutan Day - details to follow
Friday 9 th Nov	Non Uniform Day - Chocolate Donations
W/C 12 th Nov	Friendship Week
Fri 16 th Nov	Y3 pupils to visit Broadfield
Tues 20 th Nov	Y6 visit to Manchester Cathedral - God and The Big Bang Theory
Wed 21 st Nov	Y5 visit to Chill Factore - Extreme Environments
Fri 23 rd Nov	Yr 4 Class Assembly 9:10am
Sat 24 th Nov	St. Mary's Church Christmas Fair held in school, 1pm
Fri 30 th Nov	Whole School Pantomime visit
Sat 1 st Dec	School choir to perform at St. Paul's church at 11:30am and St James Church at 6:30pm
Mon 10 th Dec	Infant Dress Rehearsal and Broadfield to visit St. Mary's School Year 3 and 6 to attend the QE Hall, 1:30pm, to watch the performance of the Snowman (details to follow)
Tues 11 th Dec	Community Party and Christmas Show 1:45pm
Wed 12 th Dec	Infant Christmas Performance 2:00pm
Thurs 13 th Dec	Infant Christmas Performance 10:00am
Fri 14 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Tues 18 th Dec	Infant Christmas Party 1:00pm - (details to follow)
Wed 19 th Dec	Christmas Dinner Day (details to follow)
Thurs 20 th Dec	Junior Christmas Party 1:00pm - (details to follow)
Fri 21 st Dec	Carol Service (led by Year 5) 9:30am in church.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

P.A Hartley
Headteacher