

St Mary's Church of



England Primary School

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## **Newsletter September 2018**

### **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 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](http://www.oldham.gov.uk/admissions)

If you reside in Rochdale please go to: [www.rochdale.gov.uk/admissions](http://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 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018 5pm**

**Primary 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 5pm**

#### **STAFFING:**

This term we welcome Miss Westhead and Miss White who we are supporting on a Teaching Assistant placement in Reception and Year 1 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.

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

### CLASS ASSEMBLIES:

28<sup>th</sup> 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).

12<sup>th</sup> October: Harvest Service in Church: Led by Year 3 at 9:30am in St. Mary's Church.

26<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 7:00pm in School, this will be the AGM - everyone is invited and welcome to attend.

Winning numbers of the 150 club draw in are: .85, 114, 34, 86, 150 and 104

The next draw will be on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 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

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October                      Greatest Showman Sing-a-long in St Mary's Church. Tickets available from the school office.

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October                Halloween School Disco (details to follow)

### MUSIC TUITION:

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

**Wednesday: Band Rehearsal 8:20 - 8:50am, pupils to arrive at 8:15am 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 9:30 - 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. The cost for the first half term will be £81.90 and for the full term £155.40.

### 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

Last February we launched a new system of booking appointments for Parents Evening using Parents Evening Manager on ParentMail. This will continue to be the method we use for all future parents evening appointments, so that you can book your appointment on-line from your smartphone, tablet or computer.

**To ensure you are able to book online you will need to be registered on ParentMail**

Please note we will be unable to book appointments over the telephone, if you are unable to book on line then please call into the school office where staff will be able to assist you.

The Parents Evenings will be held on:

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - 2:50 - 6:10 p.m.**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

**The system will go live and bookings can be made 9<sup>th</sup> October from 8:00AM**

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.**

## FAMILY & INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS:

The photographer will be in school to take individual and family school photographs on the morning of the **4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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.

## BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Please visit the School Website under *Latest News* to find out more about **Battle of The Books** a reading challenge which we have launched with pupils this year.

The challenge we have set is to read 12 books from their class list (available on the school website).

Please note if you feel the class list is too challenging, please see your child's class teacher and we can re direct to a more appropriate section as we want ALL children to experience an enjoyment of books.

Many of the books are available in school and many of you will have at home. On occasions parents very generously donate books to school for Birthdays or because their children have outgrown them. If any of these donations are linked to the books in the scheme we would be extremely grateful.

Good luck with the challenge and we will keep you updated over the coming months.

## **AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES FOR THIS HALF TERM:**

Monday: Choir 3:30 -4:30pm with Mrs Housley and Mrs Roberts

Tuesday: Infant Fun Club 12:00 - 12:30 with Mr Beasley (Sports Development Officer)  
Fun Club: 12:30 -1:00 Yr3 - 4 with Mr Beasley (Sports Development Officer)  
Multi Skills Club: 3:30 - 4:30pm Yrs 3 and 4 this half term with Mr Beasley (Sports Development Officer)

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  
Fame Academy 3:30 - 4:15pm Years 1, 2,3 and 4

Friday: Gymnastics 3:30 -5:00pm with Mrs Oxley

## **FORTHCOMING DATES:**

20<sup>th</sup> September Y4 Visit to Chester

20<sup>th</sup> September Y3 Visitor in School for a Stone Age Workshop

**27<sup>th</sup> September Phonics Evening for Reception, Y1 and Y2 Parents 6:00pm**

28<sup>th</sup> September Macmillan Coffee Morning : Assembly at 9:10am Coffee and cakes 10:00 - 11:00

2<sup>nd</sup> October Support Group AGM in school 7pm

4<sup>th</sup> October Family and Individual School Photographs

5<sup>th</sup> October Greatest Showman Sing-a-long in church, tickets available in school

W/c 8<sup>th</sup> October Book week ( details to follow)

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Break for Half term

Half Term: 29<sup>th</sup> October - 2<sup>nd</sup> November inclusive School re opens on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November

### **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

#### **The world's BIGGEST coffee morning!**

On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 £1.00 for a drink and biscuit.**

Please help us support this very worthy cause!



Kind regards,  
P.A Hartley  
*Headteacher*

