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## **February 2019 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.*

**Dear Parents, Children & Friends,**

#### **SAT's INFORMATION EVENING:**

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb we held a parents Information Evening for Year 2 and Year 6 to discuss the forthcoming SAT's. If you were unable to attend please take a look at the presentation which is available on the school website.

#### **STAFFING:**

This term we say goodbye to Miss Ogden who has completed her apprenticeship with St Mary's School. Miss Ogden is now successfully moving onto a full time Teaching Assistant post. We wish her well in her career and thank her for all her hard work.

#### **PUNCTUALITY:**

Please can I remind parents that pupils should be on the school playground and ready to come into school at 8:55am so they can be registered in their classes at 9:00am. School gates will be locked promptly at 9:00am and pupils arriving after this time are late for the start at school. Please can I also remind parents that the school car park is STRICTLY OUT OF BOUNDS for pupils, please use the PEDESTRAIN ENTRANCE GATE, this is for your own safety.

#### **BATTLE OF THE BOOKS:**

Congratulations to four more pupils who have successfully completed the Battle of the Books Challenge, they will receive their awards this Friday in Celebration assembly.

Louisa Ford	Year 1
Ruby Hall	Year 2
Ashley McCann	Year 2
Evie Mc Coy	Year 5
Maya Kershaw	Year 6

Pupils will hopefully complete their green screen debuts this coming week so please look at our website <https://www.stmaryscecrompton.oldham.sch.uk/battle-of-the-books/> and/or twitter feed.

[www.twitter.com/stmarysce](https://www.twitter.com/stmarysce)

Previous winners are:

Jacob Perkin	Reception
Teddy Kenyon	Year 1
Lex Bamford	Year 1
Ewan Smith	Year 1
Skylar Ford	Year 2
Jude Harrison	Year 6

Awards will continue to be presented half-termly to pupils who complete the challenge set, so please keep on reading !

### **WORLD BOOK DAY:**

On the 7<sup>th</sup> March, pupils are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite book character to support World Book Day, Cost £1:00 and also bring to school their favourite book. There will be lots more fun activities so please remember to check our school website / twitter feed during that week as there will be lots of interesting ideas featured including 2pm BBC Live lesson for KS2 pupils, opportunities to 'Share a Story' and much more...

### **E- SAFETY WEEK:**

Every February, our school celebrates Safer Internet Day to encourage the safe and positive use of technology. This year's theme was: Together for a Better Internet and we would love parents and carers to get involved too. We have been encouraging the children to think carefully before they share any information online. Knowing what's okay to share and what's not, is a key component to staying safe and feeling confident when using technology. Your involvement at home can help reinforce these key messages and help your child feel secure. Visit the Be Internet Legends website to try some fun family activities [https://beinternetlegends.withgoogle.com/en\\_uk/parents](https://beinternetlegends.withgoogle.com/en_uk/parents). Alternatively, access excellent interactive Interland, a free resource at [https://beinternetawesome.withgoogle.com/en\\_uk/interland](https://beinternetawesome.withgoogle.com/en_uk/interland)

### **ROAD SAFETY VISITS:**

The road safety team have been in school this half term delivering sessions to children in Years 1 and 5. These sessions are designed to help develop children's pedestrian skills and their awareness of being visible to motorists, which is particularly important during the dark winter days. The road safety team request that all adults set a good example when out and about with children.

### **WORSHIP:**

Congratulations to Year 1 and Year 3 for their excellent Class Assemblies this term.

### **Future assemblies to look forward to are:**

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 9:10am Year 5 Class assembly

The Easter Service in St. Mary's Church, led by Year 4, on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 9:45am**

In our Worship we discuss and take time to reflect on different themes. These themes link with our Christian values. Next Half Term we will think and talk about Praise: Of each other, Creation, Of God, Awe and Wonder and focus on the Christian Values: Creation and Wisdom

### **LINKS WITH ST MARY'S CHURCH:**

The school choir will perform at the St. Mary's Rose Queen At Home on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

We continue to enjoy very strong links with St Mary's Church and whilst Father Alan is unable to be in school with us at the moment, school, alongside the clergy, PCC and church members continue to maintain these links and support one another as far as it is reasonably possible. Plans are already underway to host an Experience Pentecost Day in June for St Mary's pupils. Father Daniel will pop into school to lead some Worship next half term and we hope to hold some of our RE class visits in church in the summer term. In the meantime, we continue to pray for Father Alan and his family.

### **HEALTH CHAMPIONS AND CHILDRENS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK:**

On the 16<sup>th</sup> January, our Year 5 Health Champions (Eleena Llado, Jasmin Webster, Evie McCoy and Olivia Jenkins) attended a Health Champions meeting with Mrs Fricker run by Oldham Local Authority. They were asked to think about 'healthy me'. We often focus on looking after our bodies i.e. our physical wellbeing however, our Health Champions are making it clear, in order to be healthy overall, it is also important that we look after our minds i.e. our mental wellbeing.

The Health Champions are also looking at dental hygiene and looking at ways to promote this further. They also have plans to look closer at sleep patterns and the physical and mental health benefits this can bring.

This week, as a school, we have been raising the awareness of healthy minds both in worship and in classes. Pupils have been shown videos on 5 ways to well-being:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yF7Ou43Vj6c>. We have also been thinking about 'Asking Twice': when we say we are 'okay' 'fine' are we always 'fine' ? Pupils have been thinking how they can ask twice and show they care.

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

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm in the North Star - all welcome.

The next event for the Support Group is:

- School Valentines Disco - 14<sup>th</sup> February. Rec - Year: 6:15- 7:15pm and Year 3 - 6: 7:30 - 8:30pm. *A polite reminder pupils may only attend their own disco and not that of their siblings.*
- Take That tickets to win - if you have not yet bought your tickets it isn't too late. The draw will be take place on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March in assembly.
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February sponsored pancake flip (see below)
- Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March Mother's Day Afternoon Tea - School Band to play

Winning numbers at the last 150 club draw: 131, 74,148, 86, 46, 55 Congratulations to all the winners. The next draw will be on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

*We still have a few spare numbers for the 150 club. At the last draw only three out of the five numbers drawn were given out. If you would like a number please see Gill Buckley or any member of the Support Grpup or ask at the School Office ..... you could be the next winner with a bonus prize of £500 to be drawn at the Easter Service*

### **PANCAKE FLIP**

All pupils will be invited to take part in a fun-filled annual pancake flip on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February. Please collect sponsors and send into school on the day. A prize will be presented to the family who raises the most money. Funds raised will go towards improving the Reception outdoor environment and work will hopefully commence on this project in the next couple of months. Thank you to all the members of Support Group for organising the event.

### **EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES FOR THIS HALF TERM:**

Monday: Grounbreakers Club 12:00- 12:30 Y2 -6 with the Groundbreakers Team  
Choir 3:30 -4:30pm with Mrs Roberts and Mrs Housley

Tuesday: Rec Fun Club 1:00 - 1:30 with Mr Beasley (Sports Development Officer)  
Fun Club: 12:30 -1:00 Yr3 - 4 with Mr Beasley (Sports Development Officer)  
Girls Sport Skill Development: 3:30 - 4:30pm Y4, 5 and 6 with Mr Beasley (Sports Development Officer)

Wednesday: Mr Gardner's Badminton 3:30 - 4:30pm

Thursday: ICT club 12:00 - 12:30 Year 6 with Mr Taylor  
Anna's Fame Academy 3:30 - 4:15pm Year Rec, 1, 2, 3, 4  
3:30 - 4:30pm Netball Y5 and Y6 Mrs Whitmore  
3:30 - 4:30pm Frank Shaw Football Y3-6

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

## FORTHCOMING DATES:

28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Sponsored Pancake Flip
1 <sup>st</sup> March	Y3 visit to Bolton Museum - Egyptology
7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day - please look for more information to follow
8 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception Stay and Play 8:50 - 9:30am
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Class Assembly 9:10am
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Support Group Meeting 7pm North Star
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Rec and Year 1 visit to Crompton House to attend a performance of Princess and the Pea
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Choir to perform at St. Mary's Rose Queen At Home
30 <sup>th</sup> March	Mother's Day Afternoon Tea - School Band to perform
5 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Service in St. Mary's Church at 9:45am. Pupils from Year 3 at Broadfield School will join St. Mary's for the service and spend the rest of the day at St Mary's School.

School closes at 3.30 pm on Friday 15th February for one week's half term holiday and re-opens on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February.

I hope you and your families have an enjoyable half term and thank you for your continuing support and co-operation.

**Kind Regards,**

P.A Hartley

***Headteacher***