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April 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.

ST. MARY'S SUPPORT GROUP NEWS:

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 1st May at 7pm in the North Star - all welcome.

Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea

A huge thank you to everyone who supported this event; another sell-out event which 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 £550 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 Film Night: 10th May 2019**

Following the success of *The Greatest Showman*; the Support Group are hosting another film night in St Mary's Church to watch the new release of *Mary Poppins*. Hope you can all make the event. Tickets will go on sale shortly.

Winning numbers at the last 150 club draw: 142, 2, 94, 108, 83, 50. Congratulations to all the winners. The next draw will be on Friday 5th April and this will include the bonus draw of £500.

PRIMARY OFFER DAY - 16th April 2019 (For Reception September 2019):

You will be informed of which school your child has been offered by email; you will receive an email on 16th April 2019.

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

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 13th 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 13th May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling test: Paper 1 short answer questions. English grammar, punctuation and spelling test: Paper 2 spelling.
Tuesday 14th May	English reading test.
Wednesday 15th May	Mathematics: Paper 1 arithmetic test. Mathematics: Paper 2 reasoning.
Thursday 16th May	Mathematics: Paper 3 reasoning.

Please ensure your child has plenty of early nights in the lead up and during this busy week and arrive promptly for the start of school.

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 Planets ! Well done and thank you to all the pupils and staff involved.

Forthcoming assemblies are:

Friday 10th May at 9:10am - Reception



EASTER SERVICE

The Easter service will be held on Friday, 5th April 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. Refreshments will be available before the service.

SHARE THE MIRACLE

Thank you to all pupils and parents who have taken part in the initiative 'Share The Miracle'. We have been overwhelmed by the response. Pupils will be selected from a draw to accompany myself and Mrs Hardman to distribute the gifts and cards to the elderly at two of our local care homes. The residents are already excited and making preparations for our visits. The project is part of an intergenerational activity where schools are asked to reach out to the elderly and those less fortunate. Each egg has the opportunity to change a situation and each act of kindness helps strengthen the community, form friendships and release hope.



EGG DECORATING COMPETITION

The egg decorating competition closes on Wednesday 3rd April. Don't forget to call in to take a look on Wednesday after school. Winners will be announced in the Easter Service on Friday 5th April. We look forward to seeing the children's entries.

PROMOTING THE CHRISTIAN VALUES

In Worship next half term, we will begin to think about the Christian Values 'Love' and 'Responsibility'. Please see our 'Christian Values' section under the 'Learning' menu on the school website or follow this link: <https://www.stmaryssecrompton.oldham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/responsibility.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 13th 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 our football and netball teams, **please ensure they have their P.E kit in school on this day. Badminton players will also need their kits and members of the school band will need their instruments. Please be aware there will be no gymnastics photograph taken this year.**

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 Wednesday 22nd May.** Please ensure full winter uniform is also worn on this day.

IMPORTANT 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)

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: Tues 23 April - Fri 24 May 2019 is £48.30. The cost for the whole term is £119.70

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



HOLIDAYS:

Please note School will close on Friday 5th April and we re-open on **TUESDAY** 23rd 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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

24th April Yr5 visit to Castleshaw with friends from Broadfield
30th April Year 1 visit to Science and Industry Museum
30th April Year 4 Visit to Hindu Temple
1st May Support Group Meeting, North Star 7pm. All welcome
6th May School Closed
8th May New Reception Welcome Evening 5:45pm
9th May Year 4 to Yorkshire Farming Museum
10th May Reception Class Assembly
10th May Support Group Film Night
13th May Year 6 SAT's week
22nd May Year 6 Photograph
24th May Workshop for year 5 and 6 - more details to follow
27th May - 3rd June inclusive, school closed.

Kind regards,
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