



Address: Rushcroft Road, High Crompton, Shaw, Oldham, OL2 7PP

Tel: 0161 770 8309

E-mail: [info@stmaryscecrompton.oldham.sch.uk](mailto:info@stmaryscecrompton.oldham.sch.uk)

Website: [www.stmaryscecrompton.oldham.sch.uk](http://www.stmaryscecrompton.oldham.sch.uk)

HEADTEACHER: Mrs P A Hartley BEd (Hons), NPQH

DEPUTY HEAD: Mrs J Hardman BSc (Hons), QTS, NPQH

## July 2019 Newsletter

### "Love one another as Jesus loved us" (John 3 v 34-35)

Jesus said, Love one another as I have loved you.

Through God's love and our Christian Values we encourage each individual to love, respect and value themselves and others.

We encourage and nurture the growth of every individual and their uniqueness so that all flourish and become all that they can be and all that God made them to be.

Dear Parents, Children & Friends,

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

#### OUTDOOR RECEPTION AREA:

The Reception Outdoor Area is finally complete and we are so pleased with the transformation. Pupils are already enjoying this fantastic space to explore and further their learning. A huge thanks to everyone who has supported events run by the Support Group, this money, alongside a successful lottery bid, has made this possible for our pupils. Here are some photographs of our pupils enjoying the new space !!



### 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.

150 Club: Winning Numbers from the June Draw are : 12, 109, 32, 15, 98, 104

The next draw will be on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July. This draw will include the end of term £500 draw.

### SATs

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

<b>Year 6</b>				
	<b>% of pupils attaining expected at St Mary's</b>	<i>National Data - % of pupils attaining expected 2019</i>	<b>% of pupils attaining Greater Depth at St Mary's</b>	<i>National Data - % of pupils attaining greater depth 2018</i>
<b>Reading</b>	94%	73%	45%	28%
<b>Writing</b>	90%	78%	23%	20%
<b>SPaG</b>	94%	78%	42%	34%
<b>Maths</b>	94%	79%	48%	24%

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

**Combined Reading, Writing, Maths at Greater Depth 19%, National 10% (2018)**

### 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.



The theme for Summer Reading Challenge 2019 is 'Space Chase', celebrating the 50th anniversary of the first landing on the moon.

The Summer Reading Challenge begins on **Saturday 20 July**. This is the first Saturday of the summer holidays and we will be hosting a Sign-Up Saturday at all our Oldham Libraries. Children can also join in the challenge at any time during the summer holidays after this date.

Organised by The Reading Agency ([www.readingagency.org.uk](http://www.readingagency.org.uk)) and the UK public library network since 1999, the Summer Reading Challenge is the UK's biggest annual reading promotion for children aged 4 to 11.

The Summer Reading Challenge combines FREE access to books with fun, creative activities in the library during the summer holidays.

Throughout the Challenge, library staff and volunteers support the children, helping them to discover new authors and to explore a wide range of different types of books and ways of reading.

## How the Challenge works

- Children sign up at their local library and receive their fold out 'Space Chase' poster
- Children borrow and read at least six library books of their own choice during the summer, collecting special cards to complete their poster and rewards along the way
- Library staff and teenage volunteers are on hand to advise and run family-friendly activities
- Children who complete the Summer Reading Challenge are presented with a certificate and medal at the library.

## 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 ( Key Stage 2 only ). **All PE kit, including the Juniors, should be brought in a PE drawstring bag.**



## 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. Watches should be removed for physical education and games. **(Fitbits/activity trackers, smart watches or other similar devices are not permitted in school)** Earrings (including studs) are not allowed in school

**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, ties and drinks bottles.

## 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.**

## 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 'Pirates of the Curry Bean', 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, Mrs Holt and Mrs Murtough for costumes, props and the magnificent scenery. 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.**

## LINKS WITH ST MARY'S CHURCH:

During this difficult time when St Mary's church is without a priest we give particular thanks to all those who have helped us maintain our exceptionally strong links with the church.

Earlier this term the pupils, staff and Governors held their own special thanksgiving service in memory of Father Alan to give thanks for all his ministry at St Mary's School. All pupils wrote their own special memory and we used some of these to frame a picture of Father Alan. This has been in church but will be brought back into school this week. Our huge thanks to Bishop Mark for presiding over this service.



Last month a team from church gave up their time to ensure the planned Experience Pentecost Day could go ahead. A huge thanks to all those involved in making this a special day. Here are some of the pupil's comments ...

- *"I enjoyed listening to other people's ideas of what they would change in the world, and thought if we could make all these things happen our world would be an amazing place to live."*
- *"I liked the candle station where thought about who helped me to learn more about God, it helped me to remember and give thanks to Father Alan as he really helped me in my journey."*
- *"The experience made me feel calm and relaxed."*



Our school Eucharist has taken place this morning - a beautiful service once again led by Bishop Mark and assisted by our Year 6 pupils and well supported by parents and grandparents. Photos are available on the school website <https://www.stmaryscecrompton.oldham.sch.uk/category/school-events/>



We are extremely grateful to Mr Sanderson who has very kindly continued with the spiritual circle time which Father Alan started here at St Mary's. Each class will have had this opportunity this term. This is a very valued and special time of reflection and prayer and a unique experience for our pupils, which would not have been possible without Mr Sanderson.

The Men's Society ran and organised yet another fantastic 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. A huge thank you to the Men's Society for their donation of half of the proceeds to St Mary's School. Such funds enable school to provide the additional resources for our pupils such as the paths, the new outdoor area and much of our IT equipment.

A huge 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 on Friday of this week. The Year 6 Leavers Service will take place on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June. We are delighted to welcome Rev Katy to our service who will bless the Bibles and present them to our pupils.

### **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 2020. 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 2019** and close at **5pm on 31 October 2019**.

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

The closing date for all applications is **5pm 31 October 2019**. 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](http://www.rochdale.gov.uk)). Alternatively you can contact the Admissions Team on telephone 0300 303 0340 or email [school.admissions@rochdale.gov.uk](mailto:school.admissions@rochdale.gov.uk) for further information.

**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](https://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 Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> 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*