

St Mary's Church of



England Primary School

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### **Newsletter September 2019**

## **"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,

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.

#### **YEAR 6 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.

### **STAFFING:**

Last term we said goodbye to Mrs Thomas who is now completing her PGCE to finish her training to be a fully qualified teacher. We wish her every success in her career.

Mr Day has been appointed as Assistant Headteacher and joins Mrs Hartley and Mrs Hardman on the school's Senior Management Team.

### **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:**

27<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).

11<sup>th</sup> October: Harvest Service in Church: Led by Year 3 at 9:30am in St. Mary's Church. Bishop Mark will be joining school for this service.

25<sup>th</sup> October: Reception pupils with their Year 6 buddies at 9:10am in school. Rev Katy Cunliffe will be joining school for this service.

### **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 on a Friday morning at 9:10am. Dates of class assemblies are detailed in the monthly newsletters and on class newsletters.

Please can I ask all adults who join us for Friday Assemblies that they help our pupils by remaining quiet once pupils start to enter the school hall.

### **ALDI KIT FOR SCHOOLS**

Aldi has recently launched 'Kits for School' which aims to promote the build up to the 2020 Olympic games in conjunction with team GB. Schools have the opportunity to win sports kits and even £20,000!

St Mary's School will therefore be collecting the Aldi vouchers, which parents can collect by spending £30 in one transaction in Aldi. Please send any vouchers you wish to donate into school with your child. A collection box will be placed in school, in the Junior Shared Area, so your child can deposit their vouchers. Pupils in the Infants please hand your vouchers to your class teacher and they will arrange for them to be placed in the box.



### **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 Wednesday 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: 70, 82, 129, 21, 46 and 136

The next draw will be on Friday 27<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**

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October                      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 12 months.)

**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 is now **£2.30 per day, £11.50 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 £87.40 and for the full term £167.90.

### **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 in place at St Mary's School and available on our school website.

### **PARENTS EVENINGS**

All bookings for Parents Evening appointments are completed using Parents Evening Manager on ParentMail. Enabling you to 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 22<sup>nd</sup> October – 2:50 – 6:10 p.m.**

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</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 bookings can be made 8<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 1<sup>st</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

Once again we are running the battle of the Books where we challenge pupils to read 12 books from their class list (available on the school website). Pupils who were successful last year can take part once again with a new set of books for their class and a new challenge. Last year 25 pupils successfully completed the challenge ..... It would be great if we could beat that record this year .

Please visit the School Website under *Learning - Reading* to find out more about **Battle of The Books** reading challenge and the links to your child class reading list.

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:**

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| Tuesday:   | Infant Fun Club:   | 12:00 - 12:30 with Mr Beasley (Sports Development Officer)                    |
|            | Junior Fun Club:   | 12:30 -1:00 Yr3 - 4 with Mr Beasley   |
|            | Multi Skills Club: | 3:30 - 4:30pm Yrs 5 and 6 with Mr Beasley                                     |
| Wednesday: | Choir:             | 3:30 - 4:30pm with Mrs Davies and Mrs Roberts                                 |
| Thursday:  | Football:          | 3:30 - 4:30pm Yrs 4, 5 and 6 with Mr F Shaw                                   |
|            | Netball            | 3:30 - 4:30 with Mrs Whitmore Y 5 and 6 (starting 26 <sup>th</sup> September) |
|            | ICT club:          | 12:00 - 12:30 Year 6 with Mr Taylor   |
|            | Anna's Dance       | 3:30 - 4:15pm Years 1, 2, and 3 (starting 26 <sup>th</sup> September)         |
| Friday:    | Gymnastics         | 3:30 -5:00pm with Mrs Oxley   |

## FORTHCOMING DATES:

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| 19 <sup>th</sup> September  | Y4 Visit to Chester   |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> September  | Phonics Evening for Reception, Y1 and Y2 Parents 6:00pm   |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> September  | Macmillan Coffee Morning : Assembly at 9:10am Coffee and cakes 10:00 - 11:00                      |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> October     | Family and Individual School Photographs  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> October     | Support Group AGM in school 7pm   |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> October    | Harvest Service in church. 9:30am led by Year 3. Bishop Mark to join the school for this service. |
| W/c 7 <sup>th</sup> October | Book week ( details to follow)  |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> October    | Y3 Stone Age Visitor and workshops for the day  |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> October    | Parents Evenings 3:00 - 6:10 pm   |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> October    | Parents Evenings 3:00 - 6:10 pm   |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> October    | School Disco (details to follow)  |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> October    | Reception and Year 6 Buddy Assembly at 9:10am<br>Break for Half term                              |

**Half Term: 28<sup>th</sup> October - 1<sup>st</sup> November inclusive School re opens on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November**

Macmillan Coffee Morning  
The world's BIGGEST coffee morning!

On Friday 27<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.**



Parents, grandparents, friends of St Mary's and the Shaw community are all welcome.

**Pupils are invited to bring £1.00 for a drink and biscuit.**

There will be a **raffle** and other **games** held for adults, and **cakes** and **tea/coffee** will be sold for small donations.

Kind regards,  
P.A Hartley  
*Headteacher*

