

January 2020 Newsletter

"Love one another as Jesus loved us" (John 13 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 a new term and a Happy New Year to everyone.

On walking round the school, I have noticed how well the children have settled into the new term following the Christmas holidays. Each year group has started to focus on their new topic areas, details of which parents / carers can find in the class newsletters sent home last week and are currently being uploaded onto the school website.

PARENTS EVENING

The next Parents Evenings will be held on:

Tuesday 11th February - 2:50 - 6:10 p.m

Wednesday 12th February - 2:50 - 6:10 p.m

We will continue to use Parents Evening Manager on ParentMail so you can book your parents' evening appointments on-line from your smartphone, tablet or computer.

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

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 from 28th January 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 enjoying singing. 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.


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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.**

NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK:

National Science Week in March this year has the theme 'Our Diverse Planet'.

This theme is about celebrating the amazing diversity we see across the world. We would like to get our pupils thinking about how much subjects like science, technology, engineering and maths are used in the wider world of work and how diversity is a part of people, materials, animals, nature or anything else in their everyday lives.

- Can you help?
- Does your own job link to a science and technology subject?
- Would you be able to spare 10 minutes or more to 'show and tell' a class about your job and how science is involved?

We would like to invite different visitors/parents into school during the month of March to get pupils thinking about the relevance of these subjects in our lives and potentially their future careers. Please contact Mrs Hardman (Science Subject Leader) if you can help or would like to find out more.

LINKS WITH ST.MARY'S CHURCH and WORSHIP IN SCHOOL:

Firstly, congratulations to Year 5 for an outstanding Carol Service last term. All pupils performed superbly and were a credit to the school. Bishop Mark was extremely complimentary about the whole service. Well done to all performers!

Future assemblies to look forward to are:

Friday 31st January at 9:10am Year 3 Class assembly

Friday 14th February at 9:10am Year 1 Class assembly

Friday 13th March at 9:10am Year 5 Class assembly

Friday 3rd April at **(9:45am)** Y4 Easter Service in St Mary's Church

Our sincere thanks goes to Mr Sanderson who continues to lead Circle Time for our pupils in school. Our thanks also to Rev Katy and Bishop Mark who continue to support St Mary's school in leading worship and assisting with our church services, whilst St Mary's church is in interregnum.

This term's Worship theme is: **Respect and Reverence**. Please take a look at our school website for ideas to discuss at home

<https://www.stmaryscecrompton.oldham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/respect.pdf>

GOVERNOR UPDATE

The Governing Body of St. Mary's CE Primary School continue to work hard to achieve the best possible outcomes for all our pupils. Our Governors give up a lot of their personal time as volunteers and their commitment has been acknowledged as they once again received the nationally recognised Governor Mark Award. This award is held by very few schools nationally and locally. Thank you to all Governors for their continued support and dedication.



As Mrs Zoya Stott comes to the end of her term of office as a Governor of our school, we thank her for all the hard work, time and commitment she has given to St Mary's School. The PCC have appointed Mrs Natalie Hague as the new Foundation Governor.

A full list of Governors can be found in school on the Governor notice board and on our school website.

ATTENDANCE:

We are delighted to announce that 107 children have been awarded attendance badges for their high attendance during the Autumn term. Congratulations to all of these children and their parents for ensuring such super attendance.

We want to continue encouraging our children to recognise the importance of their learning opportunities and will continue to reward good attendance as every lesson counts!

NON - UNIFORM DAY

Following the devastation caused by the Bushfires in Australia and in response to requests from parents and pupils, we would like to show our support and raise much needed funds. Whilst there are many organisations and charities asking for support we have discussed in school the effect the fires are having on the wildlife and animals. Therefore our aim is to raise funds to donate to wildlife warriors <https://wildlifewarriors.org.au/> Steve Irwin's project, through Australia Zoo, has so far rescued 90,000 animals.



To raise funds we will hold a non-uniform day on **Friday 24th January**. Pupils may come to school dressed in their own clothes (no football shirts please) for a donation of £1:00. At both the infant and junior morning break **small cakes will also be on sale for 50p**. All children will have the opportunity to buy a cake if they wish to do so. In addition, cakes will also be on sale **at the end of the school day 3:30 - 4:00pm** for parents to come along and buy and support the event. These will be on sale in the Junior Shared area.

SPANISH DAY

To support the Modern Foreign Languages teaching in school we will be holding a Spanish Day for all of our pupils in school on Thursday 30th January.

Children should come to school on this day dressed in red and yellow or wear Spanish dress (no football shirts please).

Throughout the day the children will take part in some Flamenco Dancing, and will practise more of our Spanish and look at Spanish artists.

We will post pictures on our school website and tweet throughout the day.

SCHOOL WEBSITE:

Please log on to find current information about school. For latest updates and news you can also follow St Mary's School on twitter at: www.twitter.com/stmarysce

Website: www.stmaryscecrompton.oldham.sch.uk

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER:



BATTLE OF THE BOOKS:

Congratulations to all of our pupils who have already completed the challenge of reading 12 books and book reviews during the autumn term.

The pupils are:

- Felicity Tattersall
- Jacob Perkin
- Eddie Tighe

Some of these pupils have now completed a recording of their favourite book and this has been filmed using green screen ! These will be on our school website shortly. We will also tweet a link so you don't miss them . <https://www.stmaryscecrompton.oldham.sch.uk/battle-of-the-books/>

There are already more children who are close to having, completed the Reading Challenge. Awards will be presented half-termyly to pupils who complete the challenge set, so please keep on reading and enjoying those books !

UP TO DATE DETAILS:

Please remember to keep the office informed of any changes in medical conditions, emergency contact numbers and email addresses via the school email address info@stmaryscecrompton.oldham.sch.uk or in writing


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SCHOOL COUNCIL:

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Jumper Day, you raised a fantastic £231 which supports the charity Save the Children. Can I also take this opportunity of congratulating the School Council for leading a fantastic Worship to explain to pupils in school, how wearing their Christmas Jumper could really make a difference to the lives of others. The School Council are currently working on a project to reduce litter in school. Please watch for a letter being sent as to how you can help.

ST. MARY'S SUPPORT GROUP NEWS:

Support Group members meet on the 14th Jan and have some exciting events planned. Please look out for a newsletter, from the Support Group, which will summarise the plans for this academic year.

The next events for the Support Group are

- the school disco on the 13th February.
- a sponsored pancake flip on 25th February.
- a musical evening involving school band, woodwind and choir groups together with the Oldham Adult Community Wind Band on Friday 28th Feb, more details to follow.
- Mother's Day Afternoon Tea Saturday 1st March, more details to follow.

Winning numbers at the last 150 club draw: 128, 109, 127, 108, 103, 53 The bonus number was 36. Congratulations to all the winners. The next draw will be on Friday 31st January.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES FOR THIS HALF TERM:

Monday:	Badminton	3:30 - 4:30pm yrs 5 and 6 with Joe Warburton
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
	Circuit Training:	3:30 - 4:30pm Yrs 3 and 4 with Mr Beasley
Wednesday:	Choir:	3:30 - 4:30pm with Mrs Davies and Mrs Roberts
Thursday:	ICT club:	12:00 - 12:30 Year 6 with Mr Taylor
	Anna's Dance	3:30 - 4:15pm Reception, Year 1, Year 2
Friday:	Gymnastics	3:30 -5:00pm with Mrs Oxley

As soon as the weather improves and lighter nights begin we will resume the outdoor extra curricular activities.


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FORTHCOMING DATES:

Mon 13 th January	Reception Road Safety walks
Tues 14 th January	Y1,3,5 Road Safety walks
Fri 24 th January:	Non Uniform Day
Fri 24 th January:	Reception Stay and Play
Thurs 30 th January:	Spanish Day
Friday 31 st January:	Year 3 Class Assembly
Wed 29 th January:	SAT's Evening for parents of Year 2 and Year 6
W/c 3rd Feb:	Child Mental Health Awareness Week
Fri 7 th February:	Reception Stay and Play 8:50 - 9:30am
W/c 10 th February:	E-safety week
Tues 11 th February:	Parents Evening 3:00 - 6:10pm
Wed 12 th February:	Parents Evening 3:00 - 6:10pm
Thurs 13 th February:	School Disco - details to follow
Fri 14 th February:	Year 1 Class Assembly

17th - 21st Feb closed for Half Term Holiday.

Kind regards,

P.A Hartley

Headteacher