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## March 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,

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

Earlier this term 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.

#### **SAT'S WEEK:**

Our Year 6 pupils will be taking their SAT's during the week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> May. The results of these tests will be reported to parents on the annual school report.

*Schedule for the tests issued by the DFE :*

<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>English grammar, punctuation and spelling test:</b> Paper 1 short answer questions.  <b>English grammar, punctuation and spelling test:</b> Paper 2 spelling.
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>English reading test.</b>
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Mathematics:</b> Paper 1 arithmetic test.  <b>Mathematics:</b> Paper 2 reasoning.
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Mathematics:</b> Paper 3 reasoning.

#### **STAFFING:**

At the end of this term we say goodbye to Mrs Stock our School Business Manager who has worked at St Mary's school for 22 years. Mrs Stock will be hugely missed and we thank her for all her hard work and dedication she has given to the school. I know you will join me in wishing her well as she moves onto new ventures.

The Governors and I have completed a recruitment process for a successor and have appointed Mrs Sultana, an experienced Business Manager, who will join our successful team after Easter.

Mrs Hardman is unwell and will be absent from school until further notice. Mrs Barlow and Miss Fletcher continue to teach Year 2 and Mr Day is currently Acting Deputy Headteacher. I am sure you will join me in wishing Mrs Hardman a speedy recovery.

### **GOVERNOR UPDATE**

St Mary's PCC have appointed Mr Ian Buckley as the new Foundation Governor following the resignation of Mr David Oakes.

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

### **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 and must be signed in by a parent at the school office

### **MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY CRITICAL CARE UNIT:**

You may recall several years ago the Year 6 pupils of St Mary's School were invited to work on a very special project, completing art work for a new relative's room at MRI palliative care. The aim was to create a relaxing and calming atmosphere in the room for visitors and relatives. The whole project was a huge success and it was a privilege to have been part of something that made a difference to patients and their families.

I am therefore delighted that we have arranged to undertake the art project once again, this time for the relatives' rooms in the Intensive Care Unit at MRI. On Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March Mrs Shipton and Mrs Applewhite, who both work at MRI, will join Year 6 to talk about their work and roles. Pupils will then be joined by our artist, Hugh Templeton, to complete art work incorporating the trusts symbol of a butterfly to display in the relatives rooms

I will keep you updated on the progress of this amazing opportunity for our pupils.

### **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 spring term so far.

The pupils are:

- Ewan Smith
- Jessica Downing

Pupils are completing a recording of their favourite book 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-termly to pupils who complete the challenge set, so please keep on reading and enjoying those books!

## WORSHIP:



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

### Future assemblies to look forward to are:

Friday 13<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 3<sup>rd</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. This half term we will think and talk about Faith and focus upon Holy Week.

## EGG DECORATING COMPETITION

Pupils are invited to decorate an egg for Easter in any creative design they wish. These should be brought into school on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Parents can view all the eggs from 3:20pm on this date. Winners will be announced in the Easter Service on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. We look forward to seeing the children's entries.

## LINKS WITH ST MARY'S CHURCH:

The school choir will perform at the St. Mary's Rose Queen At Home on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

We continue to enjoy very strong links with St Mary's Church and are very fortunate to have Rev Katy lead worship in school, including an Ash Service on Ash Wednesday. Mr Sanderson also continues to support pupils in spiritual circle time and Bishop Mark will join us for our Easter Service and lead more worship in school next half term. A huge thank you to all the clergy for helping us whilst we do not have our own parish priest.

## ST. MARY'S SUPPORT GROUP NEWS:

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in the North Star - all welcome.

The next event for the Support Group is:

- Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March Mother's Day Afternoon Tea - School Band to play

Winning numbers at the last 150 club draw: 54, 59,55, 49, 12, 117 Congratulations to all the winners. The next draw will be on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

*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 Group 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

A huge thank you to all pupils for taking part in a fun-filled annual pancake flip and collecting sponsors. As a school you collectively raised over £1000 which will support further curriculum resources in all classes. Thank you to all the members of Support Group for organising the event.

## EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES FOR THIS HALF TERM:

Monday:	Groundbreakers Club	12:00- 12:30 Y2 -6 with the Groundbreakers Team
	Badminton	3:30 - 4:30pm with Mr Warburton
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)
	Core Strengthening:	3:30 - 4:30pm Yr 4 and 5 with Mr Beasley
Wednesday:	Choir	3:30 -4:30pm with Mrs Roberts and Miss Davies
Thursday:	ICT club	12:00 - 12:30 Year 6 with Mr Taylor
	Anna's Dance	3:30 - 4:15pm Year Rec, 1, 2
	Football	3:30 - 4:30pm Yr3 - 6 with Frank Shaw
Friday:	Gymnastics	3:30 -5:00pm with Mrs Oxley

## FORTHCOMING DATES:

13 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Class Assembly 9:10am
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Mother's Day Afternoon Tea - School Band to perform
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Year 5 visit to Castleshaw
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 visit to Castleshaw
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception visit to Crompton House - Princess and the Pea
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Rose Queen at home, Choir to perform
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Y6 to work with an artist and Manchester Royal Infirmary Critical Care unit
3 <sup>rd</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 3<sup>rd</sup> April for two week's and re-opens on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

## 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](http://www.twitter.com/stmarysce)  
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I hope you and your families  
thank you for your continuing



have an enjoyable half term and  
support and co-operation.

Kind Regards,  
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Headteacher