



Newsletter October 2020

"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,

Thank you for all the support you have given throughout the first half term of this new school year. Pupils, Staff, and Families have had to adapt to new ways of working, changes to the physical school environment, Covid-19 rules and routines. I cannot praise the children enough for the way they have adapted to all the changes and have shown great enthusiasm in returning to their learning.

My sincere thanks also to all the staff who have worked tirelessly to implement all the new systems in school, whilst ensuring all pupils emotional and mental wellbeing has been at the heart of our school ethos and daily routines.

I am enormously proud of the way everyone has pulled together to make the return to school as positive an experience as possible and this could not have happened without your full support also.

The pandemic has inevitably caused some disruption. We have responded to minimise the impact of disruption on learning yet manage the risks from Covid-19 infections safely, appropriately, and proportionately.

We look forward to the next half term with positivity and enthusiasm, welcoming back all of our pupils, and in particular our Reception pupils, and continuing with our learning. We will once again be looking how we can ensure we maintain our strong traditions here at St Mary's and embrace the celebration of Christmas, in a creative way. All existing arrangements continue and remain in place. Please keep to your drop off and collection times and entrances with just one parent coming to school wherever possible.

IMPORTANT: REPORTING POSITIVE CASES SATURDAY 24th UNTIL WEDNESDAY 28th OCTOBER

Please note, should your child or a member of your household test positive during the half term break, **between the dates of Sat 24th - Wed 28th October please inform school IMMEDIATELY via e-mail on info@stmaryscecrompton.oldham.sch.uk**. Please state who has tested positive, name, date of birth and postcode. The date on which the test was taken and the onset date of their illness if there are symptoms. Please also provide a contact telephone number.

GOVERNOR NEWS:

Nominations for the two Parent Governors closes on Friday 23rd October.

At the last Full Governing Body Meeting Mr Benson was re-elected as the Chair of Governors of St. Mary's School and Mr. Green as the Vice Chair of Governors.

A full list of Governors can be found in school on the Governor notice board and will be fully updated on the website with each Governor's linking role after the next Full Governing Body Meeting in November.

LINKS WITH ST. MARY'S CHURCH:

Thank you to all parents and families who viewed and contributed to our Harvest Festival. The monetary donations for Mary's Meals totalled £395.90. A huge well done to Year 3 for leading the service in unusual times, all pupils thoroughly enjoyed watching this here in school.

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 2021. 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 2020** and close at **5pm on 31 October 2020**.

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

The closing date for all applications is **5pm 31 October 2020**. 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). Alternatively you can contact the Admissions Team on telephone 0300 303 0340 or email school.admissions@rochdale.gov.uk for further information.

NEW RECEPTION APPLICATION TO SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2021

You will need to complete an application using the online application system available on the Oldham Council website

*In addition, any parent wishing to apply for a Reception place at St. Mary's CE Primary School **MUST** complete a supplementary form (available from the school office or download from the school website).*

If you don't have access to the internet at home, there are computers in all Oldham's libraries. You will need an email address, but these are very easy to set up and staff will be happy to help.

Deadlines for making an application: Primary 15th January 2021

Unfortunately due to the current situation, we are unable to offer the usual face to face tours of our school. Please visit the school website to view a selection of short videos of the different areas and classrooms in school. You will also find answers to some frequently asked questions.
<https://www.stmaryscecrompton.oldham.sch.uk/virtual-tour/>

If you have any further queries, regarding admissions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

SPORTS AMBASSADORS and HEALTH CHAMPIONS:

- Y2 Jacob Perkin
 Jessica Downing
- Y3 Gracie Butler
 Asher-Cole Lopez
- Y4 Holly Atkins
 Isabelle Hilderley
- Y5 Isabelle Williams
 Scarlet Heggarty
 Alana Jones
 Ava Jones
 Riley Haslem
- Y6 Riley Haslam
 Ava Jones

We look forward to their valuable contributions throughout the school year.



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ASSEMBLIES:

We look forward to our Reception and Year 6 Buddy Assembly, which unfortunately had to be postponed. This will now take place on 6th November at 9:10am.

We are looking forward to Year 5 leading our Carol Service. Again this is probably going to be a pre-recorded event which we can then share with all pupils, parents, staff and Governors.

FLU NASAL VACCINATIONS:

Flu nasal vaccinations will be administered in school for Reception to Year Six children on 5th November 2020, for those children where consent has been provided by a parent. To give consent, parents need to access the following link: <https://www.nhs.uk/flu/information?Id=105711&type=FLU>

Consent must be given by 28th October 2020. Please note that vaccinations will NOT be administered where consent has not been provided. Thank you in advance.

REMOTE LEARNING:

School has learning in place for children who may need to self-isolate at home or if a class bubble must be closed. For individual children, work will be e-mailed to you or by arrangement a hard copy can be dropped off. Where a class bubble is required to isolate then learning will be set on the school website, under your child's class page. Here there will be links to Oak Learning Academy and White Rose Maths which are lessons closely matched to each year group's curriculum. These will be supplemented further with materials set by your child's class teacher. All work will need to be completed and e-mailed back to school for the class teachers to give feedback on. Families are welcome to phone school to discuss support if children are isolating.

OTHER ONLINE RESOURCES AT ST MARY'S:



Year 6 IXL supports children with learning maths and grammar skills through questions. Use your IXL login at the front of your reading record.



Reception Pupils

Our new children have settled into school life wonderfully. The children's experiences are recorded using our online Tapestry portal. As parents you can access your child's observations and add your own.



Times Tables Rockstars is for children in Year 2- Year 6. It uses games to help children to learn their times tables. Use your TTRS login at the front of your reading record.



All children Purple Mash contains lots of different games, activities and software for children to explore Use your Purple Mash login at the front of your reading record

Year 1—Year 6 MyMaths contains maths activities and lessons for a wide range of learning objectives. Use your MyMaths login at the front of your reading



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ST. MARY'S SUPPORT GROUP NEWS:

The winning numbers on the 150 club were 58, 27, 115, 5, 131, and 68. The next draw will be on Friday 23rd October. The next virtual Support Group Meeting will be on the Tuesday 10th November at 6:30pm, Mrs Buckley will send a link closer to the date, and everyone is welcome.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Term Dates for Your Diary

End of first half-term:	Fri 23 rd October 2020
Start of second half-term:	Mon 2 nd November 2020
End of second half-term:	Fri 18 th December 2020
Start of Spring term:	Mon 4 th January 2021

More Dates for Your Diary

Tues 10 th Nov:	Virtual Support Group Meeting 6:30pm
Friday 13 th Nov	World Kindness Day
W/C 16 th Nov	Friendship Week
Fri 11 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day (details to follow)
Fri 18 th Dec	Carol Service (details to follow)

Thank you for taking the time to read this month's newsletter and for your continued support.

Kind Regards,

P.A Hartley
Headteacher