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April 2022 Newsletter

Believe and Achieve

To provide a fun, stimulating and excellent education which enables each child to achieve their full potential, academically, spiritually, emotionally and socially in a safe, Christian environment.

STAFFING UPDATE:

Following a successful recruitment process, the Governors have appointed Mrs Victoria Williams for the vacancy in Year 2 following Mrs Barlow's resignation. Mrs Williams has worked at St Mary's school previously in Year 2, covering Mrs Hardman's absence last year. Mrs Williams is an experienced teacher and will be an excellent addition to the St Mary's Team. After Easter, Mrs Williams will join Year 2 one day a week (each Thursday) with Mrs Hardman, supported by Miss Curley, Mrs Riley and Mrs Adams on the remaining days. After May half term, Mrs Williams will commence her full post with us, teaching Wednesdays and Thursdays each week.

PRIMARY OFFER DAY - 14th April 2022:

You will be informed of which school your child has been offered by email, you will receive an email on 14th April 2022.

If you do not receive an email, please check for the email in your junk/spam folder before contacting the School Admissions office at the Local Authority (phone 0161 770 4213). Or you can log back into your account. You will need your user name, password, security question and answer to access the account.

Further information about school admissions, including school appeals, can be found on the Oldham Council website www.oldham.gov.uk/admissions

Please Note: The School Admissions Office will **not** be able to inform you of which school your child has been offered over the telephone

Y6 SAT'S WEEK:

Our Year 6 pupils will be taking their SAT's during the week commencing 9th May. The results of these tests will be reported to parents on the annual school report. **It is essential that all Year 6 pupils attend school this week.**

Schedule for the tests issued by the DFE :

Monday 9 th May	<p>English grammar, punctuation and spelling test: Paper 1 short answer questions.</p> <p>English grammar, punctuation and spelling test: Paper 2 spelling.</p>
Tuesday 10 th May	English reading test.
Wednesday 11 th May	<p>Mathematics: Paper 1 arithmetic test.</p> <p>Mathematics: Paper 2 reasoning.</p>
Thursday 12 th May	Mathematics: Paper 3 reasoning.

Please ensure your child has plenty of early nights in the lead up to, and during, this busy week and arrive promptly for the start of school.

Y6 END of SATs CELEBRATIONS:

On Friday 13th May. Year 6 will celebrate the end of their SATs with the traditional visit to High Crompton Park for fun, games and treats. More details to follow.

ROBINWOOD:

The Year 6 pupils are excitedly awaiting their residential visit to Robinwood. We will be holding a meeting for pupils and parents on Wednesday 25th May 2022, starting at 6:00pm. At the meeting we will give full details of clothing required, staff attending and all medical information we require. There will be an opportunity to see examples of some of the activities on offer and also an opportunity to ask any questions you may still have. A letter will be sent with further information after Easter.



EASTER SERVICE:

The Easter service will be held on Friday, 8th April at 9:30am led by Year 4 at St. Mary's Church. Refreshments will be available before the service. **In the interests of protecting all families and staff for their plans over the Easter Holiday, please do not attend if you have any Covid symptoms or are feeling unwell.**

FRIDAY CELEBRATION WORSHIP:

I am pleased to be in the position where we feel we can once again reintroduce Friday Celebration Worship with parents. If parents are wishing to attend the Worship starts at 2:50pm with parents arriving after 2:40pm please. This will be kept under review and should we have a spike of cases it may need to be withdrawn at short notice. **Please continue to help us by only attending if you are well with no symptoms of Covid. The first celebration worship with parents will be on Friday 29th April.** We look forward to welcoming parents back into school.

EGG DECORATING COMPETITION:

The egg decorating competition closes on **the morning of** Thursday 7th April. Don't forget to call in to take a look on Thursday after school. Winners will be announced in the Easter Service on Friday 8th April. We look forward to seeing the children's entries.

PROMOTING THE CHRISTIAN VALUES:

In Worship next half term, we will begin to think about the Christian Values "Generosity". Please see our 'Christian Values' section under the 'Learning' menu on the school website or follow this link:

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

Here you will find fun activities for your family to do together.

CIRCLE TIME:

Thank you to Mother Katy and Father Paul for re-introducing spiritual reflection time with the pupils at St Mary's. This has been a long tradition of the school and wonderful for the pupils to once more take part in. This term pupils in Rec and Year 1 thought about Love and pupils in Y2 - Y6 reflected about Peace.



CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS:

Class photographs will take place on the morning of **Thursday 17th May**. Please can all pupils wear full school uniform (no summer dresses). The photographs look very smart if **all** pupils are wearing their blue shirts and school ties.

In addition, the **Year 6** pupils will also have a very different but special type of photograph taken, as a memento of their last year at St. Mary's. **This photograph will also be taken on Thursday 17th May.**

SPORTING NEWS:

As the opportunity to take place in competitive sport resumes once more, St Mary's Teams have got off to a superb start.



Handball champs!



St Mary's 1:1 EC St James' in a thrilling friendly played in exactly the right spirit!



Goals galore from our girls' squad. Tied winners with EC St James'

So proud of our lovely pupils and all their excellent sporting behaviour. We look forward to participating in more sporting events and competitions.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS.....

Nail varnish and jewellery are not allowed; wrist watches may be worn.
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.** (Taken from the school prospectus, reviewed annually by the Governing Body)

ST. MARY'S SUPPORT GROUP NEWS:

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 24th May at 6:30pm in the North Star - all welcome.



Mothers' Day Cakes

A huge thank you to everyone who supported this fund raising event. With 360 cakes being made it certainly was a challenge - we hope all the cakes were very well received. Huge thank you to Mrs Clegg, Mrs Thornley and Mrs Mayhew for making and decorating the cakes. Thank you also to all support group members for donating all the ingredients. The event raised just over £450 which is fantastic. Thank you also to all the organisers of the event and all donations of sandwiches and cakes.

The next events for the Support Group are:

St Mary's Leavers Disco

The Support Group are hoping to hold a disco for all pupils on Thursday 14th July. We really hope this can proceed as they have been missed by all the pupils. Details to follow.



150 Club and Easter Raffle:

The next 150 draw will be on Friday 8th April and this will include the bonus draw of £500. The Easter raffle will also be drawn.

HOLIDAYS:

Please note School will close on Friday 8th April and we re-open on Monday 25th April.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

28 th April	Y4 Visit to Hindu Temple
2 nd May	School Closed
6 th May	Yr 3 visit to Bolton Museum
9 th May	Year 6 SAT's week
17 th May	Class, Group photographs
18 th May	Yr 3 visit to Castleshaw with their friends from Braodfield
18 th May	Reception Welcome Evening 6:00pm
24 th May	Support Group Meeting, North Star 6:30pm. All welcome
24 th May	Yr 5 and 6 Puberty Talks with school nurse (more details to follow)
25 th May	Diary of a Disciple Workshop Y5
25 th May	Robinwood Evening for Y6 and parents 6pm
26 th May	Y6 Evolution Science Workshop
30 th May - 6 th June inclusive,	school closed.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT HALF TERM:

Monday:	Badminton	3:30 - 4:30pm Yr 5 and 6
Tuesday:	Infant Fun Club	12:00 - 12:30
	Junior Fun Club	12:30 - 1:00 Yr3 - 4
	Netball	3:30 - 4:30 Y4, Y5 and Y6
Wednesday:	Choir	3:30 - 4:30 Y3 - Y6
Thursday:	School Band	8:30 - 9:00 Y4 - Y6 by invite
	Anna's Dance	3:30 - 4:15 Y1- Y3 letters to follow
	Latics Football	3:30 - 4:30 Y3-Y6
Friday:	Gymnastics	3:30 - 5:00

Kind regards,

P.A Hartley

Headteacher