

ST MARY'S R C PRIMARY SCHOOL, SWINTON

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER- OCTOBER 2014

Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for your harvest gifts which we have sent to Loaves and Fishes and Cornerstones. Your generosity has been overwhelming this year and is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to those who also supported our Macmillan Day, we raised £220.

A big thank you to all the pupils for their hard work and good behaviour displayed this half term. We are fortunate to have such wonderful pupils at St Mary's. Thank you also for your continued parental support.



This autumn half term holiday competition/homework for Years 1-6 is to research information relating to World War 1 in preparation for our two week topic on the Centenary of the First World War. All the information relating to your child's curriculum can be found on our school website.

Home school agreements Please return your home school agreement. In order for children to benefit from school life and reach their full potential it is important that the school, parents and pupils work together.

All data collection forms should also have been returned to the school office.

Extra reports and/or separate parents evening appointments If you require an additional report or parents evening for your child please contact the school office.

Doors open for 8:45 for KS1 and KS2 children This gives the children the opportunity to look at their marked work from the previous day and act upon the 'green for great' and 'pink to think' success criteria to improve their learning. Nursery children also start at 8:45 am and Reception class at 8:55am.

Annual Pupil Premium Grant report to parents

As part of our schools funding we receive a pupil premium grant. Last year's grant was £22,500. This year's pupil premium grant is £33,400 and is allocated on the basis of children who are entitled to free school meals, those who are in care and those whose parents are in the armed forces. The money is used to raise the standards in our school. This year we have employed two new experienced teachers to deliver intervention and support programmes as

well as the use of teaching assistants. Some pupils will also have the opportunity to learn the guitar and attend educational trips and attend booster and advanced classes.

Last year we used most of the money to provide a range of intervention support delivered by our teaching assistants. Their jobs were to work with specific groups or individual pupils to help them to make the expected or good progress. The intervention programmes were a success with most pupils making the expected or exceeded progress. We also spent some of the money on improving the resources such as reading books, writing resources and Numicon Maths resources as well as iPads purchased to aid pupils learning.

Forthcoming Events

Mon 3rd Nov – INSET for staff. School closed

Tue 4th Nov – School opens for new half term – WWI Remembrance Topic (2 weeks)

Mon 10th Nov – Manchester United Football coaching (5 weeks) – Y2K and Y2C

Tues 11th Nov- Y2 trip to the Cenotaph 10:30am

Thu 13th Nov – EYFS and KS1 – WWI Centenary assembly at 9:10

Fri 14th Nov – KS2 – WWI Centenary assembly at 9:10

(on the day of WW1 assembly, please bring chocolate worth £1 or more for the Parish Fair)

Tue 18th Nov – Individual school photograph (with younger siblings photos from 8:45am, rest of school from 9am)

Tue 19th Nov – Y2 Celebration assembly

Wed 26th Nov – Y1 Celebration assembly

Thurs 27th Nov- Author visit

Fri 5th Dec – Advent/Christmas season

Fri 5th Dec – Rhema Theatre “Angel’s Delight” (Paid by PTA) Non-uniform raffle day – wear something blue day (£1 donation for raffle ticket)

Tue 9th Dec – EYFS Carols and Coffee afternoon at 2pm

Thur 11th Dec – KS1 Christmas Play at 2:15pm

Fri 12th Dec – Non-uniform raffle day – wear something red day (£1 donation for raffle ticket)

Tue 16th Dec – Christmas Dinner

Thur 18th Dec – EYFS, KS1 and KS2 Party day

Fri 19th Dec – Carol service led by KS2 and Christmas Raffle

School closes Friday 19th December and reopens Tuesday 6th January at 8:45am.

We wish all the children a well-deserved happy half term holiday! See you all on Tuesday 4th November at 8:55am.

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Mrs D Raynor and staff.