



St. Mary's Newsletter

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Christmas 2018

Dear Parents,

The Christmas season has quickly come around. It does not seem that long since we welcomed the children back to school in September! Once again the pupils have excelled themselves with their continued hard work and effort this term. A well-deserved rest awaits both pupils and staff. An active fun packed term of learning has taken place with plenty of visits and visitors to school to enhance our pupils learning, including trips to the theatre and cinema, the Marist Retreat Centre, sports competitions, road safety lessons and our own school Feast Day.

Positive feedback from parents regarding our Christmas productions and Carol Service was greatly received. Once again our pupils and staff have done us proud. Thank you for your support with providing costumes, attending our productions and for your raffle prizes and purchasing tickets. Also my thanks to the PTA in organising the Fancy Dress Disco and the Christmas parties and raffle. We are fortunate to have such supportive parents who contribute to St. Mary's school community.

Severe weather arrangements

It is important that everyone knows our school's procedures in the event of very bad weather - including heavy snowfall. We will always try our very best to keep school open as much as possible. We will only ever close school if we think there is a real risk to our children and staff. Decisions whether to close the school or not, are made on a day-by-day basis. It is therefore important to know how we will contact you:

School will always send a text message to parents and carers. This is the quickest and easiest way for us to get in touch with you all at the same time. It is VERY IMPORTANT that you have registered your up-to-date mobile numbers on ParentPay.

School will update Salford City Council's SCHOOL CLOSURES website. This can be found at

<https://www.salford.gov.uk/schools-andlearning/school-closures/> This page

also lets you know of any other Salford schools who may also be closed due to bad weather or other emergencies. If the weather starts to get bad after school has opened, procedures will be put in place to

close school area by area and to send children home. NO CHILD will ever be sent home before speaking to someone on the data collection form.

If the playground is too dangerous to walk on, the main school entrance will be used, and a notice displayed to inform you.

St. Mary's Bake Off

Congratulations to the winners: Alma NUR, Julia Y1, Heidi Y5 and Rosie Y1, and to the Runners up: Alfie Y3, Charlie REC, Thomas Y2, Emily Y6. Thank you to everyone who entered the competition.

Reminders

School times: Nursery 8:45am start, 3:20pm finish. The rest of the school 8:55am start, finishing at 3:30pm.

NO dogs allowed, including those carried by adults.

Admissions consultation open until 15 January 2019.

Staff car park is for staff use only, not to be used by those attending breakfast and after school clubs.

Thank you for your considerate parking and avoiding parking across neighbours driveways.

Additional school letters and reports can be requested via the school office.

If your child is suffering from sickness and viral bugs please keep them at home.

If antibiotics required please allow at least 2 days for the antibiotics to start working before attending school, and 48 hours for vomiting and diarrhoea.

New Lunch Menus

From January 2019 we will have new school menus on a 4 week cycle. The new menu always includes a hot meat/fish option and a hot vegetarian option, in addition to our usual jacket potato and fresh sandwich. You can find the new menus on our school website and on ParentPay.

Wednesday Word

This is the Spring timetable for the collective worship in the outdoor chapel:

9 Jan	Year 6K
16 Jan	Year 5
23 Jan	Year 4
30 Jan	Year 3
6 Feb	Year 2
13 Feb	Year 1

Forest Schools

Every Friday afternoon Mr Chadwick takes a class for forest school, a fun and creative outdoor learning activity. Please

ensure your child brings a change of clothing on their allocating day:

18 Jan	Year 6K
25 Jan	Year 6L
1 Feb	Year 5
8 Feb	Year 4
15 Feb	Year 3

Holiday Homework

To design and make your own maths game including a set of written instructions on how to play the game. Games to be played in school on NSPCC Number Day on Friday 1st February.

Diary Dates

Tue 8 Jan – First day of term

Wed 9 Jan – Chetham School of Music workshop in school (Years 2 and 3)

Wed 9 Jan – Reception class heights and weights (school nurse)

Mon 14 Jan – Dance after school club starts 3:30-4:30pm

Mon 14 Jan – Reception class vision screening (Orthoptic department)

Tue 15 Jan – Y6 Reading Booster classes start 3:30-4:30pm (until 9th May)

Tue 15 Jan – Year 1 Funky Phonics club start 3:30-4:30pm (5 weeks until 12th Feb)

Wed 16 Jan – Chetham School of Music workshop in school (Year 5)

Wed 16 Jan – Year 5 and 6 Hockey after school club starts 3:30-4:30pm

Thu 17 Jan – Y6 Maths Booster classes start 3:30-4:30pm (until 9th May)

Fri 18 Jan – Year 3 Celebration Assembly @ 9:10am

Wed 23 Jan – Chetham School of Music workshop in school (Years 2 and 3)

Thu 24 Jan – Reception Crafty Hands after school club start 3:30-4:15 (5 weeks until 28th Feb)

Fri 25 Jan – Year 2 Celebration Assembly @ 9:10am

Mon 28 Jan – KS2 Gymnastic competition

Wed 30 Jan – Man Utd football camp

Fri 1 Feb – Year 1 Celebration Assembly @ 9:10am

Fri 1 Feb – NSPCC Number Day

Fri 15 Feb – Year 5 Celebration Assembly @ 9:10am

Fri 15 Feb – Half term Holiday commences at 3:30pm

Thank you for all your cards and gifts. We wish you and your families a Happy and Holy Christmas. See you all on Tuesday 8th January 2019 at 8:45am.