



# St. Mary's Newsletter

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## Spring 2018

A busy half term draws to an end. Y5 and Y6 pupils thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Tatton Park. An inspirational visit from poet Tony Walsh was outstanding, providing pupils with an incentive to write creatively as much as they can. Y5 pupils participated in Safer Cycling and Y3 pupils attended Chetham's School of Music listening to talented musicians. NSPCC number day was again a success, many thanks for your support in raising £167.36 for this charity. The BBC live lessons proved to be exciting for all. Along with a variety of extra-curricular clubs, rich and varied learning experiences have taken place.

### Parking

Once again please consider parking responsibly, avoiding neighbours driveways and dangerous corners causing limited vision to motorists and pedestrians. For health and safety and insurance purposes the staff car park is for staff only and not for parents. Sadly we still have some parents who chose to ignore this polite notice. Aldi have given permission for our parents to use their car park during the start and end of the school day.

### Price increase

As from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018 we will increase the cost of school meals and breakfast club, as per letter sent out this week. The new costs are £9.50 for weekly school dinners and £15 for weekly breakfast club.

### Parent Pay

A reminder to check that you are up to date with payments. We currently email and text parents through ParentPay, you will be able to receive school communications only if you store your mobile number and email address on ParentPay.

### Attendance

Some parents will have received a letter regarding persistent absence (below 90% attendance). In these cases, as stated in the letter, medical proof will be required if your child is absent. Unauthorised absences of a total of 5 days may warrant a fine. Any absences around school holidays will also warrant medical proof. Unfortunately some parents inform school of illness, despite being on holiday. These absences will remain unauthorised unless school receives the necessary proof. A

home visit from the EWO may also take place.

### World Book Day

At St. Mary's we are constantly looking for exciting ways to inspire our children and this year's World Book Day celebrations are no exception.

This 2017/2018 school year saw the introduction of our new school mission statement and five core values: Love, Respect, Faith, **Achieve** and **Inspire**, which we would like to incorporate into this year's theme '**What do you want to become when you grow up?**'.

We are therefore inviting all children to come to school, on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018, dressed as the profession they aspire to be when they grow up. This could be anything from an **Architect** to a **Zoologist!** We hope children will also be able to bring a fiction or non-fiction book to school that links to their chosen career. There will be a £5 voucher prize for a child in every class.

In addition to World Book Day itself, St. Mary's will be host to a **brilliant book fair** opening on the first day back after the half term Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February, and ending Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. The book fair will be open after school.

Lastly, all children will be able to bring a book to the St. Mary's **Book Swap**, which will run all week. We ask that they bring a book in good condition to swap for another book from a peer. Children can hand books in, to their class teacher, and receive a token from Monday-Thursday, ready for the swap on Friday.

### Wednesday Word

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

7 Mar	Year 5L
14 Mar	Year 5C
21 Mar	Year 6

### Wednesday Workshops

This is the timetable for the Maths workshops (in the hall):

28 Feb	Year 3
7 Mar	Year 2
14 Mar	Year 1
21 Mar	Reception

### Lego Club

In Summer term we will start a Lego club; we would appreciate any Lego donations (Lego brand only please).

### Holiday Homework

Holiday homework is a prayer writing

competition. Please refer to your child's class letter.

## Diary Dates

**Mon 26 Feb** – School reopens

**Mon 26 Feb** – Book Fair in school 3:30-4:15 (whole week)

**Mon 26 Feb** – Dance After School Club (every Monday)

**Tue 27 Feb** – Healthy Eating Session in Year 1

**Tue 27 Feb** – After School Film Club (every Tuesday)

**Tue 27 Feb** – After School SATs Booster classes (every Tuesday)

**Tue 27 Feb** – After School Funky Phonics Club (every Tuesday)

**Tue 27 Feb** – After School Crafty Hands Club (every Tuesday)

**Tue 27 Feb** – Zumba classes for parents (every Tuesday)

**Wed 28 Feb** – After School Netball Club (Four Wednesdays)

**Thu 1 Mar** – World Book Day – Theme: professional person you aspire to be

**Thu 1 Mar** – Swimming classes in school time (every Thursday)

**Fri 2 Mar** – Year 5L Celebration Assembly

**Fri 2 Mar** – Year 3 Forest School afternoon – Bring appropriate clothing

**Thu 8 Mar** – Healthy Eating Session in Year 1

**Fri 9 Mar** – Year 5C Celebration Assembly

**Fri 9 Mar** – Year 2 Forest School afternoon – Bring appropriate clothing

**Thu 15 Mar** – Year 4 Celebration Assembly

**Fri 16 Mar** – Year 1 Forest School afternoon – Bring appropriate clothing

**Wed 21 Mar** – British Red Cross First Aid – Year 6

**Fri 23 Mar** – Reception Forest School afternoon – Bring appropriate clothing

**Mon 26 Mar** – Year 3 & Year 4 Easter Production @ 2:15pm

**Tue 27 Mar** – PTA Easter Eggs Hunt

**Tue 27 Mar** – St. Mary's Got Talent (for pupils only)

**Wed 28 Mar** – Stations of the Cross

**Wed 28 Mar** – Last day in school, back on Monday 9 April

Advance Diary Date:

**Tue 17 Apr** – Parents Afternoon, 2:30-5:30pm. A letter will be sent nearer the time