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Newsletter

St Mary's CE Primary
& Nursery School

Autumn Half Term I
2023

'Growing Together in God's Love to Achieve Excellence'

Dear Parent

Welcome back to the new school year. We hope you all had a restful break and enjoyed time with your families. We would particularly like to welcome our new parents, their children and new staff and we hope they will have many happy years at St. Mary's. This half term centers around transition and helping children to settle into their new classes. We hope to welcome as many parents as possible to our Transition Workshops and Meet the Teacher sessions. Below is a brief summary of the events we have coming up in school this month. A full list of events for this academic year will be sent to parents in the next couple of weeks.

Mr. Hitchcock, Executive Headteacher & Mr Lang, Headteacher

Welcome to our new members of staff



Miss Dixie
Admin
Assistant



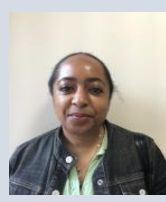
Mr Smith
Midday
Assistant



Mrs Taylor
Y3 Teacher



Mrs Brooks
Teaching
Assistant



Miss Deans
Teaching
Assistant

Asthma Webinar for Parents

Please find a link to a webinar on **Monday 11th September 2023** at 11am. This has been set up with parents and schools in mind for the Ask about Asthma campaign that runs each September covering the following:

- Signs/Symptoms of asthma & explaining what it means as a chronic condition
- What is good asthma care?
- Information around inhalers & spacers
- Air pollution & other triggers

The [#AskAboutAsthma](#) campaign and how schools will get involved
[#AskAboutAsthma 2023 - Primary Live](#)
(primaryliveuk.com)

Individual Photographs

The photographer will be in school on **Thursday 21st September**. He will be taking individual photographs and it will be assumed that siblings should be taken as a group unless we are notified otherwise.

Children may wear a different "top" for the photograph if you wish, but please send school uniform into school, for your child to change into once the photograph has been taken. Other school uniform should be worn as normal.

Photographs for the children in Nursery will come on **Thursday 21st September**. If your child does not normally attend for a Thursday morning session but you would like them to have their photograph taken, please bring them in on the day. Please come to the visitor entrance, you will need to wait for your child whilst the photograph is taken.



Blazer Sale

On **Friday 29th September**, we shall be holding a second-hand blazer sale.



Blazers will be on sale in the school office from 8.45 – 9.00 and whilst you are visiting for the book fair.

If you have a blazer you wish to sell, please bring it into school, labelled with your child's name and the price you wish to sell at. We will be happy to sell the blazer on your behalf.

Book Fair – We shall be holding our autumn book fair on **Friday 29th September from 1.45 pm.**

There are over 200 titles for you and your child to choose from, and with prices starting from only £2.99, there's sure to be a book for everyone. If you can't make it to our Book Fair, try the discounted Gift Vouchers available at www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/parents. They're a great way to ensure your child doesn't miss out.

Don't forget that every book you buy can help to get FREE BOOKS for our school library! As is customary, children may be collected from the classroom in order to visit the book fair. There is no requirement to purchase a book from the fair. Having visited the book fair children may be taken home if accompanied by an adult. Please inform your child's class teacher, by letter, if you would like him/her to be taken by another adult.

"We Are All Special" Board

We like to celebrate our children's achievements and efforts from outside school as well as their achievements in school. We do this by displaying photographs of children on a display board in our corridor. The photograph could be about any achievement outside school of which your child is proud.

Previously these have included sports, dramatic activities, musical activities etc. but could be of almost any activity. If you would like to share your child's achievements in this way, please email a photograph to the school office – office@st-marys.trafford.sch.uk. Please also indicate the activity if there is any ambiguity. We look forward to seeing the photographs.

Own Clothes Day

Friday 20th October

For many years we have supported the JOY School in Uganda, which stands for 'Jesus first, Others, then Yourself'. As a school we have raised money to support the projects they have undertaken such as building classrooms and we have purchased fixed playground equipment for the JOY school. We shall be holding an own clothes day on Friday 21st October in support of this very worthwhile charity. We would suggest a minimum donation of **£1.00**.



Notices

Absence from School

Please could we request that where possible, appointments for routine dental or doctor's appointments are made after school or during holidays, as appointments made during the school day causes disruption to your child's education.

Crucial to the school's continued success is a strong partnership with parents, where we all work together with common purpose. We look forward to enhancing our partnership further and thank you for your continued support.

If you wish to request absence from school, a form is available from the school website, however, as you may be aware **requests for absence will only be granted in compassionate or exceptional circumstances.**

Food allergies in School / Healthy snacks

Please could I remind all parents not to bring foods containing nuts into school as a snack, birthday treats or as part of a packed lunch. We have several children with a severe nut allergy and we wish to avoid any incidents of allergic reactions. Please could you ensure that any snack provided is healthy. For ideas of what your child can bring in, please see our school website.

<https://www.st-marys.trafford.sch.uk/parents-and-carers/healthy-eating>



School Uniform

Children are still allowed to wear their summer uniform until October half term. Please could you ensure that your child has a winter coat or at least a cagoule with them every day rather than just a blazer.

Please ensure that items are **clearly labelled**. A school uniform list is available to view on the school website at www.st-marys.trafford.sch.uk.

When we return to school after the October half term holiday, the children should wear their winter uniform: white shirt, tie, sweatshirt/jumper trousers/skirt.

PE Kits (Years 1 to 6)

You should have received a timetable of PE days when children should come to school in their PE Kits blue school shorts and white polo T-shirt & black jogging bottoms - not cycling shorts, leggings or football tops.

Are you driving to school? - If so, please use the one way system around St Mary's Road to avoid congestion.

DO NOT park on the Zig Zag lines - they are there to protect the children.

DO NOT park across residents driveways.

Up & Coming Diary Dates Subject to change

Extra-Curricular Clubs Deadline	Monday	11 September 2023		Year 1 to Year 6
Asthma Webinar	Monday	11 September 2023	11.00 - 12.00	All years
Year 3 Judo (5weeks until 10/10/23) come to school in PE Kit	Tuesday	12 September 2023	09.40 - 10.40	Year 3
Existing Nursery children return to school & Settling in sessions for new children 13/14/15th	Wednesday	13 September 2023	All day	Nursery
Nursery fully open	Monday	18 September 2023	All day	Nursery
Meet the Teacher & Nursery, 5 & 6, 5.25 3&4, 5.50 R/1 Yr1 & All 1/2's, 6.15 Rec	Tuesday	19 September 2023	17.00 - 19.00	All years
PTA AGM 5pm				
Reception Stay & Play Workshop	Tuesday	19 September 2023	09.00 - 09.45	Reception
Reception & Year 1 Phonics Workshop	Wednesday	20 September 2023	15.30 - 16.00	Nursery, Reception, Yr1
Reception Stay & Play Workshop	Thursday	21 September 2023	09.00 - 09.45	Reception
Individual Photos	Thursday	21 September 2023	All day	All years
Prospective Parent Tour	Monday	25 September 2023	09.30 - 10.15	Nursery, Reception
Nursery How to Help My Child workshop	Tuesday	26 September 2023	09.00 - 09.45	Nursery
Jodrell Bank	Wednesday	27 September 2023	09.10 - 14.45	Year 5
Nursery How to Help My Child workshop	Thursday	28 September 2023	09.00 - 09.45	Nursery
Scholastic Book fair - children can go home after fair	Friday	29 September 2023	13.45 - 15.15	All years
2nd Hand Blazer sale	Friday	29 September 2023	Before & After school	All years
Reception Reading/Writing/Maths Workshop	Wednesday	04 October 2023	17.30 - 18.15	Reception
Reception Reading/Writing/Maths Workshop	Thursday	05 October 2023	09.00 - 09.45	Reception
Young Shakespeare (The Scottish Play)	Thursday	05 October 2023	9.00 - 11.15	Year 5, Year 6
National Poetry Day	Friday	06 October 2023		
Harvest Festival Church Service	Sunday	08 October 2023	TBC	
Prospective Parent Tour	Tuesday	10 October 2023	09.30 - 10.15	Nursery, Reception
Parent Evening (School Cloud)	Thursday	12 October 2023	15.45 onwards	All years
Year 1 & 2 Trip to Blue Planet Aquarium	Friday	13 October 2023	All day	Year 1 & 2
PTA Doughnut/Cookie Sale	Friday	13 October 2023	15.15 - 15.30	All years
PTA Family Games Night	Saturday	14 October 2023	17.00 - 19.00	All years
Parent Evening (School Cloud)	Monday	16 October 2023	15.45	All years
	w/c	16 October 2023	All day	Year 6
BikeRight - Year 6 up to 20th				
Own Clothes Day for JOY School	Friday	20 October 2023	All day	All years
Closing Date for January Nursery Admissions - see website for Application forms	Friday	20 October 2023	All day	Nursery
School Closes - Half term	Friday	20 October 2023	3.15pm	
School Opens - Autumn HT 2 - HOPE	Monday	30 October 2023		

Deadlines coming up:

Meals for School trips - a packed lunch will be provided for children who normally have a school meal – please advise the school office if you would prefer to bring your own lunch.

Please complete ASAP Annual Consents and Data Collection to be completed on Arbor <https://login.arbor.sc/>

Monday 11th Sep Extra-Curricular sign up via ParentPay items will be closed after this date

Monday 18th Sep Meet the Teacher & Parent workshops sign up via google form <https://forms.office.com/e/7FJ0bHvSAh>

Friday 22nd Sep Year 5 Jodrell Bank payment via Arbor.

Friday 29th Sep – School Choir - Young Voices sign up via Arbor – letter to follow

Thursday 5th Oct – Year 5 & 6 – Young Shakespeare payment deadline via Arbor – letter to follow

Monday 9th Oct – Year 1 & 2 – Trip to Blue Planet Aquarium – letter to follow

Thursday 12th Oct – All years - Parent Evening – School Cloud appointment booking available from Monday 25th September <https://stmaryssale.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Friday 13th Oct – Year 6 BikeRight consent forms must be completed – letter to follow

<https://bikeright.co.uk/events/a52cce34-7ab0-4f50-8420-74977ef8e9dd/>

