

Newsletter November 2023

Through God's love and our Christian Values, we encourage each individual to love, respect and value God, themselves and others.

We encourage and nurture everyone to flourish and grow into the unique person God made them to be, ready to go out into the world to love others.

This is rooted in Jesus' words: Love one another as Jesus loved us.
(John 13 v 34-35)

Dear Parents, Children & Friends,

ATTENDANCE

Good attendance is of great importance for all our pupils and something we celebrate at the end of each term with badges presented to individual pupils.

Each month on the school newsletters we will also celebrate great attendance by class.

The class with the highest attendance so far is Year 4 with **98% attendance!**

Well done Year 4! A great start to the school year!



THEMED LUNCH DAYS

The next themed lunch will be our Christmas Dinner. This will take place on Wednesday 20th December this will be combined with our Christmas Jumper Day

It will be a non-uniform day with optional festive jumpers (please do not go out and buy jumpers, simply decorate a tee shirt or wear a festive colour).

Further information will be sent in due course.



School meals are proving to be a popular choice in school, with the pre-ordering and improved choice. Meals cost £2.60 per day, £13:00 per week. Please contact the school office for more details or look on our school website for the current school lunch menu.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING:

Another huge well done to our Year 2 pupils, Mrs Thomas and Mrs Williams for the class assembly they presented in support of Macmillan Cancer. I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of the World's Largest Coffee Morning. The amount raised this year was a staggering £1050- our highest amount ever. To date St. Mary's School has raised a fabulous £13,475.00 for this cause!

MUSICAL EVENTS:

The School Band, will perform at the School Carol Service Friday 22nd December at 9:30am




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The School Choir have been asked to:

perform at The United Reform Church on Sat 2nd December at 11:15am

perform at St James Church, Huddersfield Road on Sat 9th December at 6:30pm **together with woodwind groups.**

perform at the School Carol Service Friday 22nd December at 9:30am

Please keep these dates free in your diary and a letter with more details will follow.

FRIENDSHIP WEEK

During the week commencing the 13th November we will be celebrating Friendship Week. This will be explored during worship and also in RSHE lessons in class.



READING AND PHONICS

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Phonics and reading evening. If you were unable to join us please take a look at the school website for more information:

<https://www.stmaryscecrompton.oldham.sch.uk/reading-phonics-presentation-for-parents/>

There is a parent's section on Little Wandle with lots of resources and ideas which will help all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Please take a look using the link below:

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

LINKS WITH ST. MARY'S CHURCH:

Thank you to all parents and families who attended or contributed to our Harvest Festival. We were overwhelmed with your food donations which have been sent to the Food Bank A huge well done to Year 3 for leading an outstanding service for us. All the children were amazing, speaking with clarity and singing beautifully whilst conveying the importance of Harvest.



Well done to Year 6 and Reception pupils who led their Buddies Assembly and welcomed all our new pupils and their parents to the St Mary's Family. My thanks to Mother Katy for joining us on both occasions and presenting our youngest pupils with their prayer books.

Back in September we hosted a very successful Ethos Day. Throughout the day we reflected upon how we are all special and unique. We used the book I'm Special by Max Lucado as inspiration and pupils explored how they are all 'fearfully and wonderfully made' (Psalm 139). A huge thank you to our Parent Support Group for contributing to the cost of the day - we could not have funded the day without your help.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to see our video highlights please take a look using the link below:

<https://www.stmaryscecrompton.oldham.sch.uk/ethos-day/>


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SERVICES IN SCHOOL AND CHURCH:

Christmas

The next service will be our Christmas Carol Service on Friday 22nd December in St Mary's Church at 9:30am.

Please note there will be no assembly on Friday 8th December or Friday 22nd December.

CITIZENSHIP CHALLENGE:

The Citizenship Challenges have returned

School Council has relaunched the popular 'Citizenship Challenge' on a once-a-month basis. These challenges ask your children to perform a simple, but effective task that will make a difference to your community in a positive way. The School Council design a 'challenge card' and bring these homes at the beginning of every month - so get ready to look out for November's challenge.

Those pupils completing 8 of the challenges will receive a prestigious Citizenship Award Badge at the end of the academic year in recognition of the difference they have made to others.

Thank you for supporting St Mary's in making our world a little bit better and making a difference.

GOVERNOR NEWS:

Our Governing Body Members remain the same with no new vacancies. At the last Full Governing Body Meeting, Mr Benson was re-elected as the Chair of Governors of St. Mary's School and Mr. Green as the Vice Chair of Governors.

A full list of Governors can be found in school on the Governor notice board and on the school website.

NON UNIFORM DAY and THE CHRISTMAS FAIR:

St. Mary's Church and Parent Support Group are holding a Christmas Fair on Saturday 25th November, in school to raise money for both the church and school.

To support this fund-raising event, we are holding a non-uniform day on **Friday 10th November** with the **charge being an item of chocolate**. All chocolate donations will then be used at the Christmas Fair.

Any donations for the Christmas Fair would also be gratefully received

- *Toiletries and cosmetics (unopened)*
- *Wine and spirits*
- *Chocolates & Biscuits*
- *Tombola items and Grand Raffle Prizes*
- *Candles, scented oils and pot pourri*
- *Anything which may be suitable for any stall e.g. Unwanted gifts.*
- *Christmas crackers & Grand raffle prizes*
- *Christmas cakes, Mince Pies, Other Christmas food goodies (please check the use by dates)*


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Saturday 25th November

- If you would like to drop anything off or donate any homemade cakes, mince pies or biscuits they are more than welcome to be delivered to St Mary's School on the morning of the Christmas Fair

Any donations can be dropped off at either St Mary's School or St Mary's Church

Finally, please come along and support this event

Saturday 25th November,

12-3pm

At St Mary's School

Lots of fun, games, stalls, Christmas Markets, festive café and Father Christmas are just some of the attractions.

ST. MARY'S PARENT SUPPORT GROUP NEWS:

The winning numbers on the 150 club were 147, 149, 25, 93, 129, 127. The next draw will be on Friday 24th November.



Halloween Disco: A big thank you to our Parent Support Group and parents who volunteered to help at our school Halloween disco. Both discos were great fun and, so many amazing costumes! Thank you to all who helped to organise and run the event, and thank you to all the children and parents who came along. All monies raised will go towards funding new books for our literacy and topic work and developing our spirituality areas in school.

The next Support Group Meeting will be on the Tuesday 16th November at 7:00pm, in the North Star; everyone is welcome.

NEW RECEPTION ADMISSIONS

If you have a son or daughter who is looking for a Reception place in September 2024, then information about how to apply to schools is now available.

If you reside in Oldham please go to: www.oldham.gov.uk/admissions

If you reside in Rochdale please go to: www.rochdale.gov.uk/admissions

Please Note: If you are applying to voluntary aided schools (eg Church Schools) they may require you to fill in a supplementary form or provide documentation, in addition to the application you make to the Local Authority. Supplementary forms are available from the relevant school.

Any parent wishing to apply for a Reception place at St. Mary's CE Primary School MUST complete a supplementary form (available from the school office).

If you don't have access to the internet at home, there are computers in all Oldham's libraries. You will need an email address, but these are very easy to set up and staff will be happy to help.


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Deadlines for making an application: Primary 15th January 2024 at 5pm

If you have any further queries, regarding admissions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. Mother Katy will be signing forms for Reception pupils 2024 later this term, more details to follow.

MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Fri 10 th Nov	Non Uniform Day - Chocolate Donations
Fri 10 th Nov	KS2 Act of Remembrance Service outside St Mary's Church
W/C 13 th Nov	Friendship Week
Fri 17 th Nov	School Council visit to Oldham Council Chambers with Broadfield
Sat 25 th Nov	St Mary's Church Christmas Fair
Sat 2 nd Dec	School choir to perform at United Reform Church at 11:15am
Wed 6 th Dec	Y2 Workshop - Explorers
Fri 8 th Dec	Pantomime Visit- Thank you to The Parent Support Group for funding the transport for all pupils for this event. It really makes a huge difference to the cost of the trip.
Sat 9 th Dec	Choir and Woodwind Groups to perform at St James Church at 6:30pm (more details to follow)
Mon 11 th Dec	Infant Dress Rehearsal to the school
Tues 12 th Dec	Community Party and Christmas Show 1:45pm
Wed 13 th Dec	Infant Christmas Performance 2:00pm
Thurs 14 th Dec	Infant Christmas Performance 10:00am
Tues 19 th Dec	Infant Christmas Party 1:30pm - (details to follow)
Wed 20 th Dec	Christmas Dinner Day (details to follow) and Christmas Jumper Day
Thurs 21 st Dec	Junior Christmas Party 1:00pm - (details to follow)
Fri 22 th Dec	Carol Service (led by Year 5) 9:30am in church.

Kind regards,

P.A Hartley
Headteacher