St Mary's Church of



England Primary School

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May 2024 Newsletter

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,

SCHOOL WEBSITE AND SCHOOL SPIDER APP:

As you are aware our new website has gone live. <u>http://stmarys-oldham.schoolspider.co.uk/</u> Alongside the school website is the new school booking and payment system - **School Spider**.

It is essential that you download the new School Spider App to be able to pay for school trips, book parents' evenings and extra-curricular activities and select school lunches too.

After half term Parentmail will no longer be available.

The school office is on hand to support any parent who may have difficulties. Please note your user name is your first and last name - NOT your email address.

So, what do you need to do next. You can either ...

- Log onto the new website: <u>http://stmarys-oldham.schoolspider.co.uk/</u> scroll to the very bottom. Underneath the footer there is a parent login -
 - click on parent login
 - Select create an account
 - Enter the email address you have given to school
 - Select St Mary's CE Primary School, Rushcroft Road
 - Select send link

OR

• Download the School Spider app from your app store and follow the same steps as above

You only need to log in once and then the app will be activated and ready to use.

Through the app you will receive notifications about anything new posted on the school website as well as receiving all letters and even messages from us too ! There is even a calendar of upcoming daily events such as class photos', non-uniform days, school closures and our clubs and activities - really useful tool to keep up to date.

STAFFING:

Mrs Hepworth will begin her maternity leave as we finish for the academic year. We look forward to celebrating the new arrival and I am sure there will be pictures I can share as we return in September. Mrs Hepworth will be taking a year maternity leave. We will see Mrs Hepworth return to class teaching the following September and in the summer term as she resumes some of her SENDco role.

We also will be saying goodbye to Mrs O Regan who is one of our Teaching Assistants who has decided to spend more time with her husband and family. Mrs O Regan will still cover on occasional days for St Mary's as needed.

The Governors have undertaken a recruitment process for the maternity leave cover and have appointed Mrs Bell, a very experienced teacher, to join our successful teaching team. In addition, a recruitment process will take place for the TA post and an apprentice position. The TA post is advertised on Greater Jobs and the Apprentice through Oldham College.

The class teachers for September will be as follows:

Reception: Miss Zylko Year 1: Miss Hobson Year 2: Mrs Thomas and Mrs Williams Year 3: Mr Amos Year 4: Mrs Booth and Mrs Burke Year 5: Mrs Bell Year 6 Mrs Larder and Mr Day (Deputy Headteacher)



The SENDco role will be covered by Mr Day

Teaching Assistants roles are currently being finalised and allocated to classes, details to follow.

I look forward to you meeting our new members of staff and warmly welcoming them to St Mary's School.

ASSESSMENTS AND REPORTS:

END OF YEAR ASSESSMENTS IN SCHOOL:

Year 6 pupils have now completed their SAT's. We are so very proud of all of our Year 6 pupils who worked extremely hard and tried their very best. Well done Year 6!

Pupils in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 children have also completed most of their Summer Assessments.

YEAR 1 PHONICS SCREENING:

Year 1 (and a small number of Year 2 pupils) will complete the statutory phonic screening check. The phonics screening is a short, light-touch assessment to confirm whether individual pupils have learnt phonic decoding to an appropriate standard. It comprises of a list of 40 words and non-words; which pupils will read one-to-one with their class teacher. Schools are required to administer the check during the week of the 10th June. Outcomes of the screening will be reported to parents on their annual school report. Should any child **not** meet the required standard set by the Government, then additional help and support will be given to those individuals and they will be given a further opportunity to be screened at the end of Year 2.

YEAR MULTIPLICATIONS CHECK

The statutory DFE Multiplication check for all Year 4 pupils will take place on the 12th June 2024. This is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times table questions. Your child will be able to answer 3 practice questions before taking the actual check. They will then have 6 seconds to answer each question.

Pupils in Year 4 are already familiar with the check and have been able to practise using similar formats on a regular basis. Additional support will be provided for any pupil who may require this.

We will share your child's score with you, in their end of year report. There is no pass mark for the check but will allow school to identify any additional support which maybe required as pupils move into Year 5 and Year 6.

All pupils achievements will be reported to parents at the end of the academic year. The end of year reports will be emailed on 12th July, with an opportunity for a telephone appointment to be made, should you wish to discuss further with class teachers.

WORSHIP:



HEALTHY SCHOOL'S WEEK:

Healthy School's Week will take place from **Monday 17th June until Friday 21st June**, this coincides with National Schools Sports Week.



Sports Days are scheduled for :

KS 1 Tuesday 18th June at 9:45am

This remains a traditional event and parents are welcome to attend and stand on the paths and playground to view. **Pupils should come to school in their PE KIT and colour-team tee-shirt**, with their school uniform in a bag to change into after the event.

KS 2 Wednesday 19th June at 9:45am

Pupils should come to school in their school uniform and should have their PE kit and **team coloured tee shirts for sports day**. This will take a similar format to previous years whereby pupils take part in every activity, as a member of a team. We will also endeavour to recognise outstanding individual achievements but the emphasis remains a **team effort**. Parents are welcome to attend and stand on the paths and playground to view.

POLITE REMINDERS:

Snacks

We actively encourage fresh fruit snacks to be brought for any snacks needed at breaktime.

Hair

All long hair needs to be tied back due to health and safety reasons. Hair should be smart and appropriate for school and should be of a natural colour. Hairstyles, which are deemed to be extreme by the school, are not permitted. There must be no patterns/tramlines or extreme height. As guidance, hair should be no shorter than 2 on the sides. No make-up or nail varnish is permitted.

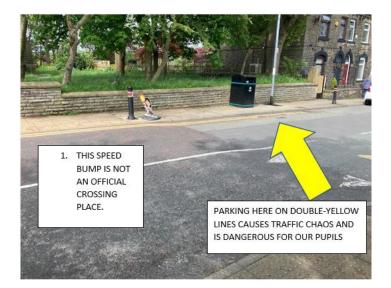
Jewellery

For safety reasons, jewellery is not allowed in school, with the exception of watches. Watches should be removed for physical education and games. (Fitbits/activity trackers, smart watches or other similar devices are not permitted in school) Earrings (including studs) are not allowed in school

Pupils who come to school wearing earrings WILL be asked to remove them, plasters or invisible studs are <u>not acceptable</u> to cover newly pierced ears

PARKING:

Please keep our pupils and our roads safe:



NEXT THEMED DAY LUNCH:

Our nest themed day lunch chosedn by the pupils is on 11th July and is a Hot Picnic Day. Weather permitting, we hope this will be served and eaten outside.

Look for more information after half term on your School Spider App to book this lunch. All children can take part even if they are usually have packed lunches.

The last Roald Dahl themed day was really enjoyed by pupils. See here what pupils said: <u>https://www.stmaryscecrompton.oldham.sch.uk/news/roald-dahl-</u> theme-lunch/83694



St Mary's Beef Burger in a Bun St Mary's Pork Sausage in a Finger Roll Cheese & Tomato Pizza

Served with Potato wedges, Carrot and Cucumber sticks

> Shortbread Yoghurt Fruit



To eat outside (weather permitting)

ST. MARY'S SUPPORT GROUP NEWS:

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS AMAZING EVENT:

The day includes a Colour Run - follow the QR code to select your time. Lots of free goodies on entering the race plus free admission to the rest of the Summer Fair - It promises to be a colourful and spectacular event for all the family



150 Club Draw:

The next draws for the 150 club are: Friday 24th May, Friday 28th June, Friday 19th July The winning numbers from the last draw are :35, 18, 13, 119, 50, 148, We still have spare numbers for the 150 club. If you would like a number please see the school office or any member of the Support Group.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT HALF TERM:

Tuesday:	Infant Fun Club	12:00 - 12:30pm
	Junior Fun Club	12:30 -1:00pm Yr3 - 4
	Football	3:30 - 4:30pm У4
Wednesday:	Choir	3:30 - 4:30 Y3 - Y6
Thursday:	School Band	8:30 - 9:00
	Anna's Dance	3:30 - 4:15 Rec, Y1, Y2 Y3, Y4
	Rounders	3:30 - 4:30pm У5, У6
Friday:	Gymnastics	3:30 - 5:00

Dates for your Diary:

DON'T MISS AN EVENT - all dates are shown at the bottom of the home page on the new school website <u>and on your School Spider App</u>

Tues 4 th June	Y6 Visit to the Mosque
Thurs 6 th June	Y3 at Castleshaw - Rivers study
7 th - 9 th June	Year 6 Residential visit to Robinwood
Tues 11 th June	Cricket inter school Tournament Y6
Thurs 13 th June	Year 1 and Year 2 Visit to Brock Holes Nature Reserve
11 th & 12 th June	New Reception Visits
18 th & 19 th June	
W/c 17 th June	National Sports Week
Mon 17 th June	, Y6 at Mahdlo - Crucial Crew event
Tues 18 th June	Year 6 Manchester Cathedral
	Sports Day KS 1 (weather permitting)
Wed 19 th June	Sports Day KS 2 (weather permitting)
Fri 21st June	Y3 visit to Broadfield school to celebrate Eid
Tues 25 th June	Rounders inter school Tournament
Thurs 27 th June	RE and Art Day in school for all classes
Fri 28 th June	Y5 visit to Crosby Beach
Sat 29 th June	Church and School Colour Festival
4 th / 5 th July	Y6 Secondary Transition Days
Thurs 4 th July	Meet you new class teacher morning
Wed 10 th July	Music Festival TBC
Thurs 11 th July	Hot Picnic Day
Fri 12 th July	End of Year Reports
Mon 15 th July	Y1 visit to Gallery Oldham with Broadfield School
Thurs 18 th July	Leavers' Disco - all pupils invited to a KS 1 followed by KS 2 disco - details to follow
	from the PSG
Fri 19 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Service - St Mary's Church 9:30am

School closes on Friday 19th July and re opens on Tuesday 3rd September

Kind Regards,

P.A Hartley *Headteacher*







