

Newsletter

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Learning and caring for each other

Dear Parents/Guardian,

Happy New Year!

I hope you managed to stay well and had a very happy Christmas.

A huge **THANK YOU**... for all your support last term and I hope, on reflection, you were as proud of your children as we were.

Our children have settled well into the new term. I know it has been challenging for some but please do not hesitate to ask for help if you are struggling, especially during continued COVID uncertainties. Also, if you know someone who is finding it tough, please let us know so we can help.

Welcome and staff updates...

We would like to welcome Mrs Quayl-Sutcliffe to our school teaching team. Mrs Quayl-Sutcliffe has been working alongside Mrs Probert and Mrs Bradley in Red Class since before the Christmas holidays.

On Friday, Mrs Probert... will be leaving us to start her maternity leave. We hope she manages a little time to rest before welcoming her baby and we will look forward to news of her safe arrival. Mrs Quayl-Sutcliffe and Mrs Bradley will continue to be responsible for the learning in Red Cass.

Mrs Beer... will be joining us at the end of January to take up her role as Business Manager. We are looking forward to Mrs Beer joining us and we are excited to continue developing St Mary's as she brings a wealth of experience with her.

Please phone the office... Mrs Beer joins us at the end of the month and Mrs Edwards works part time in the office. This means it is not fully staffed during January so emails may not be read or responded to on the same day. If you have an important or urgent message rather than sending an email, please phone us 0161 480 4736.

Reminders:

Earrings - please take them out for school or wear the acrylic earring retainers, which are very cheap to buy online. These are much safer and less painful when there is an accident.

Bags- please leave bags at home; children only need their book bag and a lunch box in school.

Money, toys and valuables – please do not bring these into school. When they are lost, this causes upset.

Remote Learning...if your child feels well enough but is not able to come into school for COVID reasons, please note they can still access learning through their Google Classroom area. Their class teacher uploads work daily.

Internet Safety... many of our children have had mobile phones and other digital media or electronic devices for Christmas. We cannot stress enough the importance of keeping our children safe so please could we remind you to check their safety settings, remind them to keep personal information to a minimum, avoid peer pressures and encourage them to 'switch off' and tell an adult if something or someone makes them feel uncomfortable. Stranger danger can be on a mobile too!

Applying for a place at St Mary's... if you know anyone who would like a place at St Mary's in our Reception Class (starting in September 2022) please remind them to apply for a place online through the Stockport Council website before the 15th January closing date to avoid disappointment. Alternatively, please do not hesitate to contact us at school for help with the application process for new intake places and for the few places available in other classes. Please could we also remind you that St Mary's siblings also need to apply, as places are not automatically allocated. You could ask your friends to apply too!

Thank you for:

- *Wearing a face covering at drop off and collection.
- *Encouraging your child to read each evening.
- *Reminding them to complete homework
- *Making sure your child is in uniform and wearing their PE kit on PE days.

Dates for your diary:

- 11th Jan – Yr6 Evolution Science Workshop
- 2nd Feb - Yr4 Chester Romans Visit
- 7th Feb – Yr3 Macclesfield Ancient Egypt Visit
- 3rd Mar - World Book Day
- 15th Mar - Yr5 Dobroyd Castle Parents' Meeting (6pm)
- 18th Mar - Comic Relief
- 29th Mar - Yr6 Edale Parents Meeting (6pm)

Please remember we are always here to support and by working together as a St Mary's family, we can provide a better learning experience for all our children in 2022!

Take care and stay safe,
Mrs E. Irvin and all the staff at St Mary's.