

## St Mary's Church of England Primary School Newsletter No 1.    9<sup>th</sup> September 2015



### **Dear Parents, Guardians and Parishioners**

Welcome to our first newsletter of the academic year. It is wonderful to be able to celebrate our children's achievements and share important information about our school.

Firstly can I extend a very warm welcome to all of our new children and their families. Please do continue to make everyone feel welcome, we will make every effort to keep you informed if you are unaware of the school routines; do not hesitate to ask our staff if you need to clarify something.

### **Congratulations**

Already I have the pleasure of announcing that Henry Brooks has achieved grade 2 in piano, Isabelle Harris has achieved grade 1 in piano which is a great achievement! Well done also to Sam Greenep has done superbly well in guitar gaining RSL Entry Level Award (very impressive!). It has been wonderful to see so many children taking part in the reading challenge over the summer break. Please continue to enjoy reading and explore new books throughout the year!

### **Mrs Oldroyd**

Mrs Oldroyd would like to thank everyone for their kind words, good wishes, cards and presents at the end of last term. Everyone's kindness was overwhelming.

### **Class Information Meetings – (for Y1-6, Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> Sept. 6:00pm)**

I look forward to meeting with you on our class meetings which provide essential support for families to be informed about the year ahead including routines. It is an excellent opportunity to meet your child's class teacher. Please do join us to enable our staff to build on the recent information given out. I appreciate that some parents may feel there is a clash if they have siblings in other classes. There are so many potential permutations depending on each family situation that we can't accommodate for this this year. I would ask that you be understanding and find the best solution for your family. Reception and Nursery children will have had home visits and we will not be having meetings for these classes.

### **Parents Evenings**

These are planned for **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 5-7pm** and **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2:30pm – 5:00pm**. We will provide you with the relevant details for signing up nearer the time.

### **School Dinner Orders**

I have been very impressed with the quality of the school dinners, the price charged ensures children get value for money and the menu seems both diverse and nutritious! I am equally impressed with the ordering system; please could you ensure this is up to date before Friday at 1:00pm to ensure the order is accurate for the following week.

### **Summer Reading Challenge**

If your child participated in the Summer Ready Challenge and has been awarded a certificate, please could they bring it into school on Friday. Thank you

### PE Kit

I have to say that our children look very smart as they have arrived to school this week. The children are very good ambassadors for the school! I have become concerned this week that various football strips are being used as PE kit. Please can I ask that children wear a white t shirt, black shorts/tracksuit bottoms to ensure they adhere with our uniform policy. Of course had the children been wearing Newcastle Utd strips I might not have been so concerned... oh no sorry! In all seriousness please help us maintain the standards we expect in this area.

### Data Collection

We will be delaying distributing data collection sheets as we are changing our computer system this month. However please let the school office know if your details or emergency contacts have changed.

### Theme for the half term:

In our assemblies we are thinking about the value of thankfulness. We will be exploring as a school, how we can show thankfulness, what and who we should be thankful for. Please do join with us and discuss what our children think about the discussions we are having in assembly. We will be rewarding children throughout the half term who demonstrate gratitude and show their appreciation readily.

### Medical Information

As with all schools, we have to be exceptionally careful about administering medication. The systems established in schools protects the children most importantly but also ensures staff have a full understanding of the medication required to be given. Could I please ask that if your child requires medication that you complete a medication form in school. In addition prescribed medication needs to be kept in the packaging to ensure we follow the directions appropriately. I am sure you like us, recognise the importance of getting this right. Medical forms are available in the leaflet rack outside the school office.

If your child has an ongoing condition that requires regular or emergency medication, please contact Mrs Lyall in the school office.

### PTA AGM & Film Night - Friday 25th Sept. 6 for 6.30 start

Our AGM is an opportunity to learn more about the PTA, discover what we do and perhaps decide if you'd like to be part of the team. The AGM will be followed by a meeting and while this is all on, there's a film to keep the kids occupied, so why not take a punt on 1.5hrs of your time? We'll even lay on a drink and some snacks. The KS1 & KS2 films will be confirmed soon and if you'd like any more information before the 25th, see our Facebook page (St Marys Primary School PTA) or contact our Chair - Matt Kerslake - on 015242 72478.

We will be sending our newsletter out on Thursdays starting next week.

Many thanks for your welcome and understanding as we establish new routines.

Mr Jones



I am passionate that children expand their vocabulary and discuss new words! This week's word is **niveous** which means snowy or resembling snow. From the oldest to youngest child why not discuss the word together!

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