

# ST MARY'S CE(C) FIRST SCHOOL & NURSERY

Helping Each Other To Do Our Best

Newsletter 05

6th October 2017



Dear Parents,

A huge thank you to all at St. Mary's for their support and generosity this week. We have raised a considerable amount of money for some very important charities as well as supporting our school through the record breaking Book Fair total. Another wonderful week!

St Mary's team

## Upcoming dates:

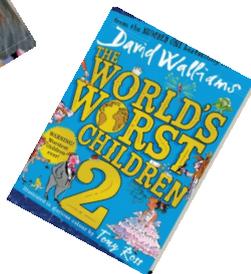
Monday 9th October	School Photograph order deadline—please hand to the office.
Friday 20th October	Last day of half term—Non Uniform Day (£1 donation to the School Fund).
Monday 30th October	Return to school.
Friday 3rd November	Pantomime payment and forms deadline—please hand to the office.
Friday 3rd November	PTA Bag 2 school drop-off deadline.
Thursday 16th November	Flu Immunisations (if you have returned the consent form).
Wednesday 6th December	Whole School Panto Visit to Oakengates Theatre.
Tuesday 19th December	Last day of half term—back on Wednesday 3rd January

## Clubs:

<b>Football</b> Yrs 2,3 & 4	Thursdays 3.15—4.15; starts Thu 21st Sept
<b>Multi Sports</b> Yrs 1, 2,3 & 4	Mondays 3.15—4.15; starts Monday 18th Sept
<b>EKO</b> Yrs 2,3 & 4	Wednesdays 3.15—4.45, starts 13th Sept
<b>J-Team</b> Yrs 2,3 & 4	Tuesdays 3.15—4.30; starts 26th Sept



The St. Mary's Scholastic Book Fair was an incredible success—we raised a huge £583.74; thanks for supporting this event.



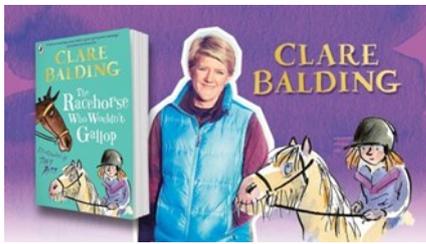
Jeans for Genes Mufti Day

In return for wearing mufti, children raised £64.75 for the Jeans for Genes charity.

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A huge thank you to all the parents who supported the Coffee Afternoon—we are pleased to let you know we raised £285.84!



## Claire Balding Visit

A selection of children visited Wolverhampton Grammar School this week to meet the TV presenter and author Claire Balding. The children will be writing a report about their visit which will be included in a forthcoming newsletter.



The children and community enjoyed a wonderful Harvest service at St Mary's church today. The children represented the school well and Year pupils made us all proud in leading the service.

Thank you all for your kind contributions. Donations will be taken to the food bank in Wolverhampton. Many thanks to all of our helpers - we couldn't do it without you! Happy Harvest everyone!

As you may have noticed (!) this year pupils in Years 3 and 4 designed and made a super scarecrow to celebrate Harvest at St. Mary's. Can you guess the name? Give your suggestions in to Mrs Pitchford next week.



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## \*\*IMPORTANT MESSY CHURCH NEWS\*\*

Have you remembered that our next Messy Church morning, which will be tomorrow, Saturday 7th October in St Mary's Church, Wheaton Aston from 10am-12.30pm? Please call Anne Wright on 01785 840656 as soon as possible (by 3rd October at the latest) to book your place(s). As always, we'll be providing an informal lunch for everyone at the end of the morning, so we do need to know how many we are catering for. It will be our Harvest Festival weekend and we're asking the children to bring us a drawing/colouring/painting that they've done of something that's associated with harvest-time. We'd like to keep the pictures and put them onto the big noticeboard in church for everyone to see. (Please make sure that your child's name and age are written on the back of their picture.) If you've been to Messy Church before, you have a goodie bag, so don't forget to bring it with you to collect another sticker. Bags will be given to any child who comes to Messy Church for the first time. Messy Church events are free but any monetary donations are very much appreciated to help towards our costs.

Please note that all children/young people must be accompanied by a responsible adult during the whole session.

We look forward to seeing you!

## Don't purchase your Christmas Cards just yet!

We will be running our annual Christmas Card project so please look out for further information which will be available on the Newsletter in the coming weeks.

### St. Mary's Catering Assistant Vacancy —9 hours per week, term time only

Please contact either Lisa Mills in the school kitchen or Mel Turner 07815 827389

We are also looking for a casual cleaner for cover for sickness if or when needed. Please call Mel Turner 07815 827389. The successful candidate will be subject to a DBS check.



This year our PTA will once again be organising a 'Bag to School' fundraiser. They will be looking for the following item: adult and children's clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts, ties & handbags, bedding, curtains, towels and linen and soft toys. If you are thinking of having a 'sort out' before Christmas, please keep this in mind. Bags should be returned to school by no later than Friday 3rd November.

Remember - the more we collect, the more we raise.

### Health and Safety

Road Safety and the School Car Park—Thank you to all parents who support safe parking in the school car park. Please drive sensibly and be aware of other parents and children.

Please remind your children not to run on the car park.

### Safeguarding Update

#### Minecraft: the risks and staying safe

Children told the NSPCC that their top concerns when playing Minecraft are:

- bullying
- talking to strangers
- hacking
- downloading viruses.  
They may also come across inappropriate content like violent or sexual language and images.

To help keep children safe on Minecraft, make sure:

- you know where they're playing
- they're using appropriate safety settings
- you talk to them about what to do if they see anything upsetting.

As you know, Mr. Thorne is unwell at the moment. If you have any general concerns please see your child's class teacher. If it is more serious, please make an appointment to see Mrs. C. Stanford, our senior teacher on site or myself.

Best wishes,

Mr. D.I.Swift, Executive Headteacher

Mrs. C.Stanford, Senior Teacher