

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



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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the start of a new school year at St Mary's CE(C) First School & Nursery. We hope that you and your family enjoyed the summer break and were able to get out and about despite the unpredictable weather.

It has been lovely to see the children looking so smart during these first few days. They have settled in well to their new classes and have made a great start to the term.

ARRIVING AT SCHOOL & COLLECTING CHILDREN

The school gates are open from 8.45am and we ask that all children arrive no later than 8.55am. Please be aware that there is no staff supervision of children prior to 8.45am. If you arrive later than 8.55am, please could you enter school through the main reception door?

At the end of the school day, children in years 1, 2, 3 and 4 should be collected from the Key Stage 2 playground. Children in Reception should be collected from the fenced area in the Key Stage 1 playground.

All children must be collected from school and must not walk home alone. If you have made arrangements for somebody else to collect your child, please could you inform the school office in advance?

SCHOOL MEALS

Please could you ensure that all school meals for the week are paid for on a Monday morning? We are also able to take payments for the half or full term. The cost of a child meal is £2.15. Cheques should be made payable to "SCC".

Parents and carers are also welcome to join the children for lunch on Wednesdays from the week commencing 26th September 2016. The cost of an adult meal is £2.58 which can be booked through the school office. We kindly ask that you place your booking by Monday of the week in which you would like to join us.

Please see this month's Newsletter from our Catering Team (attached) detailing menu choices, theme days and other information about school meals.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Just a reminder to make sure that your child's uniform and PE kit are named - this helps us to match misplaced items with their correct owner. Wherever possible, please could you also keep school and PE bag sizes to a minimum as there is restricted space between pegs in the cloakroom?

ROALD DAHL DAY: Tuesday 13th September

"if you have good thoughts they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely"
St Mary's First School and Nursery will be joining a worldwide celebration of the 100th birthday of the world's number one storyteller, Roald Dahl, on Tuesday 13th September. We have a "fantabulous" range of activities planned for the children including a Roald Dahl themed menu. Furthermore, all children are invited to dress up as their favourite Roald Dahl character. Your costumes do not need to be expensive or elaborate as many of his famous characters are normal boys and girls: Sophie, from The BFG, wears a pink nightie and glasses, Matilda wears a blue dress and red headband and Charlie Bucket wears old and tatty clothes.

CELEBRATION WORSHIP

This special assembly takes place every Thursday morning at 9.05am. Parents and carers of those children due to receive an award or special mention will be invited to join us in celebrating their achievements.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

On Thursday 8th September, elections took place for our School Council Representatives. Congratulations to the following children who were chosen by their classmates to represent their views and ideas:



James Cowley
Reception



Codi Wilde
Year 1



Reece Shield
Year 2



Peter Dallow
Year 3



Thomas Swift
Year 4



Imogen Hartley
Reception



Abigail Evans
Year 1



Beth Hyde
Year 2



Anita Barlow-Gummalla
Year 3



Hannah Guy
Year 4

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Football club starts on Thursday 22nd September for children in Years 2, 3 and 4.

Dodgeball club starts on Monday 26th September for children in Years 1 and 2.

If your child is interested in either of the above clubs, please complete the attached form(s) and return to the School Office with payment by Friday 16th September 2016. Spaces are limited to 16 children per club each half-term and are allocated on a "first-come-first-served-basis".

ST MARY'S FIRST SCHOOL PTA

The PTA Annual General Meeting will be held at school at 5.30pm, Tuesday 20th September. All parents are welcome. The PTA are always looking for new members; if you would like to find out more, please contact Kelly Cambidge on 07813 856164.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

Our school photographer will be taking individual and sibling photographs of all school and nursery children on Monday 26th September 2016.

Best wishes

Mr J Thorne
Deputy Headteacher