



# St Mary's R.C. Primary School, Meadowside Newsletter

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Dear Parent/Carers,

I hope you all had a good Christmas and that 2018 has started well and that you are now ready to start the new year and Spring term.

Last term was as busy as ever and we would once again like to take this opportunity to thank you for your help and support.

On behalf of all Governors, staff and pupils, I would like to welcome Mrs Galbraith as our interim Headteacher and look forward to working with her during the next couple of terms.

**Stephen Armstrong, Chair of Governors**

### LUNCHTIME MAGIC

We are having a special "Magic themed menu" on **Thursday, 18 January 2018**.

The menu will consist of "Magic Wands" (fish fingers with chunky chips & beans or "Hocus Pocus Pasta" (Tomato pasta with garlic slice & salad) with a **Abacadabra Magical Muffin Surprise** and fruit juice.

All children who stay for school meals will automatically receive a "Magic themed lunch".

**Any children who do not usually have a school meal but would like to take part in the magic themed lunch, please inform Mrs Burke in the school office and send in £2 in an envelope with your child's name on marked "Magic themed lunch" on Monday, 15 January 2018.**

Thank you.

### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Please, please, please help us to increase our funding by applying for Free School Meals and/or Pupil Premium. Even if your child is in Nursery, Reception or Years 1 to 6, if you think you may be entitled, it is worthwhile to apply as the extra benefits and funding stays with your child from the date of a successful applications to when they leave St. Mary's.

### To make a Free School Meals application:

All Free School Meals applications should now be made online by parents and carers using the Family Portal:

<https://emsonline.sunderland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal/LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCitizenPortal/LIVE%2f>

More information about free school meals is available:

<https://www.togetherforchildren.org.uk/families/free-school-meals>

If parents are having any difficulties completing an online application, they can contact school meals by telephone for support Tel:0191 5611417. Alternatively, please telephone school on 0191 5536087.

## January 2018

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
15 Year 3 & 4 – P.E. Day	16 Year4 Swimming 1.30-2.20pm Year 6 Booster Class 3.30-4.30pm Chess 3.30 - 4.30 pm Karate 3.30 - 4.30 pm Year 4 – P.E. Day	17 Drama 3.30-4.30pm yrs. 4,5,6 Year 6 Booster Class 3.30-4.30pm Year 5 – P.E. Day	18 Year 6 P.E. Day	19 Drama 3.30-4.30pm yrs. 2&3 Year 1 & 2 – P.E. Day	20	21
22 Rock Band 3.30 – 4.30pm Year 3 & 4 – P.E. Day	23 Year4 Swimming 1.30-2.20pm Year 6 Booster Class 3.30-4.30pm Chess 3.30 - 4.30 pm Karate 3.30 - 4.30 pm Year 4 – P.E. Day	24 Drama 3.30-4.30pm yrs. 4,5,6 Year 6 Booster Class 3.30-4.30pm Year 5 – P.E. Day	25 Year 6 P.E. Day	26 Drama 3.30-4.30pm yrs. 2&3 Year 1 & 2 – P.E. Day	27	28
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- Holidays – School Closed
- After- School Clubs
- Sports Events
- INSET Day – School Closed
- Music Lessons
- P.E Days
- Bank Holiday – School Closed

### DINNER MONIES

Dinner monies for week beginning **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018** will be **£10.00**.

If you wish to pay for this half-term (**8/1/18 to 9/2/18**) it will be **£50.00**.

**Please ensure that you send in the correct amount of money and that the envelope/tub is clearly marked with your child's name**

### MUSIC MONIES REMINDER

The amount for the spring term will be **£36.00 per instrument** – (9 lessons x £4.00).

Please ensure that payment is made to the School Office no later than 11 January 2018. If a payment is not received before lessons are due to start then lessons may be suspended until payment is received. Any queries, please contact Mrs Lloyd on 0191 553 6087.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

**Saturday 13 January 2018**

**St Cecilia's Church – 6pm Mass**

**All welcome.**

### TENNIS COACHING

On **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018**, **Y3 and Y4** children will be involved in tennis coaching. On these days we ask that children wear their P.E. kits. Thank you

### PTA MEETING

There is a PTA meeting on **Monday 22 January 2018** at 6pm.

Everyone is welcome to attend and we welcome any new members wishing to join the PTA.

Congratulations to the following 100 Club winners:

£100	C Newcombe
£50	C Offer
£25	G Taylor

### LOST PROPERTY

Any lost property will be placed in the “**Outdoor classroom**” on **Fridays** for you to look through. Unfortunately as we do not have the space to store any unclaimed items, these items will be disposed of. It is important to add your child's name to all items of clothing as this helps us to return them to the child.



### NSPCC

*UNCRC Article 19 – Every child should be protected from all forms of neglect and abuse.*

The NSPCC will be coming in to talk to all children from Y1-Y6 next week.

There will also be workshops for our Y5 and Y6 children.

### GROUNDWORK NORTH EAST

*UNCRC Article 24: We will have the right to have a clean environment.*

Today, staff from Groundworks North East came to deliver an assembly to remind the children about the importance of recycling. They also worked with year 2 children who enjoyed making crafts from recycled materials. Thank you to everyone who has pledged to try to recycle more at home.

### ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS

Consultation on Admission Arrangements for St Mary's RC Primary School 2019/20.

Where changes to admission arrangements are intended, all schools are required to consult before these are determined and published.

The policy for consultation for 2019/20 is available at [www.smrc.school](http://www.smrc.school) - Our School/Policies or call at the school office for a copy.

The consultation will run from Monday 4 December 2017 – Monday 22 January 2018.

A consultation response form is available by request from the school.

The governing body will consider all comments received before they determine the arrangements for 2019/20.

### SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

**St Mary's RC Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We politely request that all parents, carers, contractors and visitors to school respect our safeguarding culture of vigilance.**

**Please help us to keep our school community safe and support school in reporting any concerns and/or inappropriate behaviour or actions through the appropriate channels.**