

# NEWSLETTER

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## Stars of the Week

### **Congratulations!**

Class 1: Lucy Spar, Sophie Fitzherbert-Brockholes and Megan Barnes

Class 2: Daniel Clark, Olivia Jones and Ted Smith



# Claughton St Mary's

## **A Message from Mrs Butterworth**

I have been at St. Mary's for three weeks now, so it is time for an update. St. Mary's is living up to its claim to be a, "A small school with a big heart." There is a definite family atmosphere within the school. This can be seen in the relationships between staff and pupils. The children appear happy in school, which is of paramount importance, as we all know that children do not learn unless they feel happy and secure. Staff know the children very well and this helps them to ensure they plan lessons appropriate to each child's needs. They adopt a firm but fair approach to behaviour management. They model respect and receive it back from the children. Whenever I visit the classrooms, the children are busily engaged in learning. I would like to reassure those parents who may be anxious that the absence of the headteacher may be impacting on the children's education, that this is not the case.

This week I have been looking at attainment data for the school. The statutory national assessments that have to be completed at the end of each school year, paint a very positive picture. Attainment in the Early Years (Reception Class) was above Lancashire and national averages. By the end of Key Stage 1 (Year 2), attainment was well above the national average. 100% of St. Mary's pupils achieved the expected standard in reading, writing and mathematics. The average for Lancashire was 61%. There are no national figures yet for England as this is a new assessment. The results are particularly impressive as the children were assessed against the expectations of the new National Curriculum for the first time. These expectations are much higher than previously.

Results at the end of Key Stage 2 were also excellent. 75% of pupils met the new and much higher expectations in all three areas – reading, writing and mathematics. The average for England was 52%. 100% of pupils met the expectations in mathematics (England 70%) and in Grammar, punctuation and spelling, we also had 100% (national 72%). The percentage of pupils from this school achieving above expectations was above the average for England in all areas.

The school is committed to meeting the needs of all pupils, including those with Additional Learning Needs. The governors will be advertising for a specialist teaching assistant to join us after half term. This will give us a greater capacity to ensure we continue to provide a high quality education for all pupils.

## **Football**



We are delighted to say that the school football team have transferred what they have learnt in PE lessons and after-school clubs and were magnificent on Tuesday, winning the small schools football tournament. Well done Ted, Emily, Rebecca, Harry, Jacob, Amy, Guy and Olivia you were a credit to the school. Thanks also to the parents and friends who supported us so well.

## **Autumn Fair**

The school is this year supporting the parish autumn fair with children producing paintings and biscuits within school which will be judged on the day. If any families have pre-school children there is also an opportunity to enter a colouring competition, a picture is available in the porch at school, please feel free to take one.

A plea has also been sent for the second hand toy stall, if you are able to donate toys or books please pass these on to Rebecca Fitzherbert-Brockholes or Claire Clark who are on the Autumn Fair committee.

If anyone would like to volunteer on the day (9th October 2.00-4.00) especially for face painting you would be most welcome, again please see Rebecca Fitzherbert-Brockholes.

## **Trip to Blackpool Lights**

The Parish are organising a coach trip through Blackpool Lights which will set off from Claughton Village Hall on Saturday 22nd October, more details to follow shortly.

## **School Admissions**

The online application system is now open at [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools) to apply for school places at primary and secondary schools for September 2017. Closing dates for secondary applications is the 31st October 2016 and for primary applications the 15th January 2017. If you need any help please do not hesitate to ask.

## **Flu Vaccination**

Please send completed forms back to school asap

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Please return the Flu Vaccination consent forms Yr 1,2,& 3

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Tuesday



Wednesday	10.30 1.30-2.45 3.30-4.30	Swimming Caterpillar Group After School Clubs Class 1 & 2 Football
Thursday	3.30-4.30	After School Clubs Class 1 - Multi-skills Class 2 Netball
Friday		

## DIARY DATES

**Cloughton St Mary's**

Mon 3rd October		Year of Mercy Icon will be in school for one week October Numbers Club Draw
Wed 5th October	3.45-5.00	Netball Tournament at GCA
Thurs 6th October	(am)	Autumn Fair Activities in School
Tues 11th October	1.00	Road Safety with Broughton Police (Class 1)
Wed 12th October	9.00	Cafod Harvest Assembly in School all welcome
Thurs 13th October	8.30	School Photographer (younger siblings welcome at 8.30am)
Wed 19th October	3.45-5.00	Yr 3/4 Basketball at GCA
Wed 26th October		No After School Clubs
Thurs 27th October	3.30	School Closes for Half Term (No After School Clubs)
Fri 28th October		<b>INSET DAY</b>
Mon 7th November		<b>INSET DAY</b>
Tues 8th November	8.50	School Re-Opens
Thurs 10th November		Life Education Bus at School
Weds 23rd November		Parents Evening
Thurs 24th November		Parents Evening
Fri 2nd December	6.00-8.00	Friends Christmas Evening (To be confirmed)
Thurs 15th December	9.00 6.30	Whole School Trip to the Pantomime Nativity in Church
Mon 19th Dec	11.30	Whole School Christmas Lunch and Party
Thurs 22nd Dec	12.00	School Closes for Christmas