



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018



Dear Parents,

Thank you for your support in sending your children into school their own clothes and raising "chocolate" prizes for our Easter bingo.

The children have had great fun during our Science week and I hope the children have been sharing the good work going on in classes. Remember to check out Twitter where you can see what the children have been doing. Thank you to Mrs Swancott, our Science Lead, for co-ordinating all our science work this week.

Just a reminder, on rainy days, the children will be allowed straight into school at **8.45am**, and a member of staff will be on the playground. The children can go directly into school to their classes. Staff will be around the school in addition to the class teachers in class.

### **Friends of Knutton St Mary's (PTA):**

A letter has gone home regarding an Easter bingo event on the 27<sup>th</sup> March, this should be fun evening for all, and we hope you will come along and support us.

We will be holding a separate Easter raffle; tickets will go on sale from **next Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March.**

### **Bikes & Scooters:**

Please can we remind you that children should not be bringing bikes or scooters at the moment, whilst we are experiencing cold and icy conditions, the safety of our children is always our biggest concern.

### **Effort of the week:**

Well done to the following children who won this week: Lacey Jankowiak, Harvey Hughes, Riley Alder, Jessica Bird, Lacie Malkin, Evie Birks, Finley Williams, Cadence Simpson, Lacey Proudman, Mia Hartshorne, Kian Beech and Dolton Bentley.

### **Good to be Green:**

Well done to the following children who won the good to be green raffle: Mason-Shaun Huckfield, Tyler Freitas, Maisy Grainger, Lilly-Mae Watson, Lily Muir, Megan Walker, Asia Chalmers, James Smith, Leah Heath and Lauren Mason.

### **Team Stars:**

The running total so far:

Endeavour (blue) 48 Stars, Pioneer (green) 43 Stars, Voyager (yellow) 43 Stars, Discovery (red) 46 Stars.

### **Attendance:**

Our whole school attendance target is **95.5%**. This week we achieved **93.2%**.

### **Messy Church:**

Due to the fantastic success of our two Messy Church events in November last year, we are happy to announce that we are going to be holding two more events on 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of March, this again will be down to the great support of the Silverdale Elim Church who organise these wonderful events and to the Indian Fellowship who come to support us with it, and also to Mrs Oliver for organising another two great days. We would love to see you at these free events! Please let us know if you are attending so we can ensure there are enough craft resources to go around. Letters will be sent out for this nearer the time.





**School Ties:**

We have clip-on ties available for you to buy from the school office. These are £4 each. While stock lasts!

**Dates for the Diary:**

Date	Event
21 <sup>st</sup> March	KS1 Messy Church
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Friends of Knutton St Mary's Easter Bingo
28 <sup>th</sup> March	KS2 Messy Church
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Progress assembly 9:15am start Easter Bonnet Parade - EYFS

**Uniform & Hairstyles:**

As you are aware we have a school policy regarding uniform and hairstyles, can you please have this in mind when taking your children to the hairdresser or barbers and also shopping for uniform items. Leggings are not appropriate for everyday school wear.

**FREE SCHOOL MEALS / MORRISONS VOUCHERS:**

We are still offering a £20 gift voucher for Morrison, for any new free school meals claims that are successful. For further details please contact the school office.

**Contacting the School:**

If you are contacting the school by telephone, please use the options to help you contact the right person for your query, a short message will be played giving you options, please choose **option 1** to report your child absent, **option 2** to speak to Miss Middleton our Home School linker worker, **option 3** for Mrs Moore in Finance, **option 4** to speak to the kitchen and **hold the line** to speak to Mrs Brown in the office. Please note the office opens from 8.30am.

**Winter Weather:**

Please see attached information regarding snow and bad weather. We will inform the local radio stations Radio Stoke and Signal Radio, who will make an announcement if the school is closed. A text message will be sent to the mobile phone number we have on our records (please inform the school of your new number if you changed it). School closures will be listed on the Staffordshire County Council site please follow the link below. <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/schoolsandcolleges/emergencyclosures/schoolclosurelist/schoolclosurelist.aspx> Please note you can sign up for an alert to your mobile if you log on to the site.

**Safeguarding and support:**

The welfare of our children is always our priority. If you ever feel you need to talk to anyone in school regarding safeguarding or any welfare issues we can help with, please ask to speak to Mrs Wheaver or Miss Middleton who are the Designated Safeguarding Leads, if they are not available please speak to Mrs Birchall or Mr Jenks who are the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads.