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*"Called to Love as God Loves"*

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Dear Parents/Carers

We begin this half term with a buzz of excitement as we prepare to welcome all the children back to school on Monday, 8th March 2021. On return to school, the children will continue to work in "Bubbles" as they did prior to the National Lockdown. School will endeavor to reduce the risk of the spread of the virus as far as possible by minimising the movement of children around school and continuing to operate staggered breaks and lunchtimes.

Staggered drop off and pick up details are as follows:-

**Staggered Drop Off**

<b>Key Stage</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Entrance</b>	<b>Drop and Go</b>	<b>Exit</b>
Nursery	9.00am-9.15am	Enter Nursery Gate	Classroom Door	Reception Gate
Reception	8.45am-9.00am	Enter Nursery Gate	Classroom Door	Reception Gate
KS1	8.45am-9.00am	KS1 Car Park	Classroom Door	Gate LKS2 Trim Trail
Years 3/4	8.45am-9.00am	LKS2 Gate	Year 3/4 Door	Gate LKS2 Trim Trail
Years 5/6	8.45am-9.00am	LKS2 Gate	Year 5/6 playground	Gate LKS2 Trim Trail

**Staggered Pick Up**

<b>Key Stage</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Gate</b>	<b>Collect</b>	<b>Exit</b>
Nursery	3.15pm-3.30pm	Nursery Gate	Classroom Door	Reception Gate
Reception	3.15pm-3.30pm	Nursery Gate	Classroom Door	Reception Gate
KS1	3.00pm-3.15pm	KS1 Gate	Classroom Back Door	Gate by LKS2 Trim Trail
Y3R	3.15pm-3.30pm	LKS2 Gate	Year 3/4 Door	Gate by LKS2 Trim Trail
Y3M	3.15pm-3.30pm	LKS2 Gate	Year 3/4 Door	Gate by LKS2 Trim Trail
Y4M	3.15pm-3.30pm	Breakfast Club Gate	Breakfast Club Door	Gate by LKS2 Trim Trail
Y4F/Mc	3.15pm-3.30pm	LKS2 Gate	Classroom Door	Gate by LKS2 Trim Trail
Y5McF	3.15pm-3.30pm	LKS2 Gate	UKS2 Covered Area	Gate by LKS2 Trim Trail
Y5M	3.15pm-3.30pm	Breakfast Club Gate	UKS2 Covered Area	Gate by LKS2 Trim Trail
Y6B/W	3.15pm-3.30pm	LKS2 Gate	Classroom Door	Gate by LKS2 Trim Trail
Y6W	3.15pm-3.30pm	LKS2 Gate	Classroom Door	Gate by LKS2 Trim Trail

The one-way system in operation last term will remain in place. It is essential that Parents/Carers strictly adhere to this in order to keep our community safe. May I also remind you to maintain social distancing at all times and that only one adult should enter school premises at drop off and collection. Please also telephone or e-mail school with any queries, rather than visiting the school office.

### **Breakfast Club**

Breakfast club will commence on Monday 8th March 2021 in year group bubbles. The cost will remain the same at £1.50 per day. Unfortunately, until further notice, food will not be available.

Breakfast Club doors will open at 8.15am and close at 8.30am prompt. This is to assist with social distancing whilst the rest of the school start to arrive at their staggered start times. Your child will remain in Breakfast Club until 9.00am and will be escorted to their class as usual.

Please ensure you have no arrears on your breakfast club account and follow the link below if you wish to access a place. In order for us to start planning, please reserve your place by 12.00noon on Thursday, 4th March 2021.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeskRB6Fnly8\\_YV\\_RtNy4YLJKdp5s8ixfIPpjxTs0iNP-sbiw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeskRB6Fnly8_YV_RtNy4YLJKdp5s8ixfIPpjxTs0iNP-sbiw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

### **After School Sports Clubs**

Miss Whitehead will be sending a letter this week through Parent Pay informing you of the after school clubs available from 8th March 2021.

### **Boiler Update**

Following a successful tender on 17th February 2021, work commenced this morning on the KS2 replacement of the boiler. I have been assured by all involved the installation will be completed in time for the children's return next week.

### **Remote Learning Results**

Thank you to everyone who replied to the Remote Learning Survey. I have been heartened by your overwhelming positive comments and recognition of the hard work of the staff to provide a strong offer during these extremely challenging circumstances. You can see the results by following the link below:-

[http://www.st-marys.oldham.sch.uk/parent\\_s\\_zone/school\\_newsletters/school\\_newsletters.html](http://www.st-marys.oldham.sch.uk/parent_s_zone/school_newsletters/school_newsletters.html)

### **Wider Curriculum**

This Wednesday is World Maths Day and Mrs McFee has arranged Time Tables Rock Star battles for the children to sharpen their skills.

Thursday is World Book Day. This year, instead of the children dressing up, Mrs Ward has organised a teachers' "Masked Reader".

Please encourage your children to join in the fun by participating in both these events.

### **Parents' Evening**

We have just purchased a new and highly recommended platform to enhance the Parents' Evening meeting to incorporate a video call rather than a telephone call. A date will be planned for the later in the term once the children have returned to school. A letter will follow with more details.

### **Staff News**

We wish Mrs McFee all the very best as she starts her maternity leave this week.

We welcome back Ms Murtin next week following her adoption leave. Ms Murtin will be taking up Mrs Faulkner's post in the Early Years and KS1 Wednesday to Friday until the end of the school year.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your incredible support that you have shown these last few months.

God Bless,

Ms Garvey

***Stay With Us, Lord, On Our Journey***



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