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Dear Parents,

NEWSLETTER

Let me start by wishing everyone a Happy New Year and welcoming your all back to school. I'm sure 2017 will be another wonderful year for St Mary's School.

After School Sports Club

The after school clubs for this half term will be as follows:

Mondays	16 th Jan to 13 th Feb	Reception, Yr1 & Yr2	Team Games	Cost - £10.00
Fridays	13 th Jan to 10 th Feb	Year 3,4,5 & 6	Tag Rugby	Cost - £10.00

Separate letters will come home regarding these asap.

Dinner Money

Mrs Boardman has sent a text advising those who pay for school meals what they owe. Please could we ask that this is paid promptly and in advance rather than arrears. A lot of parents choose to pay for the half term in advance, however, if you wish to pay weekly, the cost is £11.50 per week which should be sent in on a Monday in a named envelope. Cheques should be made payable to Bury Council and the correct money would be appreciate wherever possible as Mrs Boardman does not always have change. Thank you.

Snow Warning

As you are no doubt aware, bad snow storms are forecast for later this week. If these storms should arrive and cause difficulty in getting to school, we may decide to close. However, if this situation should arise, a text will be sent first thing in the morning. If you do not receive a text, please assume that school is open as usual.

Child Measurement Programme

A letter has already been sent home explaining that, as part of the national programme, Reception and Year 6 will have their height and weight measured by the school nurse. This has now been scheduled to be carried out on Wednesday 25th January. If you do **NOT** wish your child to be measured, then please could you put this in writing and pass it to Mrs Boardman who will in turn pass it on to the school nurse on the day. All other children will automatically be measured.

Peanut Allergy

We have now been made aware that a child in school has a peanut allergy. We would therefore ask that nothing containing peanuts is brought into school for breaktime snack or as part of a packed lunch. Thank you.

Sermon Sunday

Twice a year we ask for a commitment outside school hours from the children. One of these occasions is for the Carol Service, the other for Sermon Sunday which this year is on **Sunday 12th February**. It is an occasion when the church and school can come together to celebrate their close links.

Children are asked to be at church no later than 10.35am. We ask that uniform is worn. The children will sit together, as a school, at the front of church, as the children play a large part in the service. Family and friends are encouraged to come along to the service, which starts at 10.45 and will last for approximately 45 minutes to an hour.

Thank you for supporting this important church service. If your child is unable to attend please would you inform me in writing.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Woodward
Head Teacher

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wed 11 th Jan	Welsh Bird of Prey Centre visit for Class 1 & 2	1.30pm
Mon 16 th Jan to Fri 20 th Jan	Careers Week	-
Tues 24 th Jan	Yr 5/6 Indoor Athletics Competition - Castle Sports Centre	1.00pm
Wed 25 th Jan	Child Measurement Programme	1.30pm
Tues 7 th Feb	Safer Internet Day	-
Sun 12 th Feb	Sermon Sunday - St Mary's Church, Hawkshaw	10.35am
Wed 15 th Feb	KS2 Tag Rugby Tournament - Broad Oak High School	4.00pm
Fri 17 th Feb	School closes for Half Term	3.15pm
Mon 27 th Feb	School re-opens	9.00am
Thurs 2 nd March	1 st Lent Service - led by Class 3	9.15am
Thurs 9 th March	2 nd Lent Service - led by Class 4	9.15am
Fri 10 th March	School Nurse Parent Drop-In session	9.00am
Sat 11 th or Sun 12 th March	(Day and time to be confirmed) Children of Bury Sing - Castle Sports Centre	-
Wed 15 th March	Yr 5/6 Crucial Crew trip	12 noon
Thurs 16 th March	3 rd Lent Service - led by Class 2	9.15am
Fri 17 th March	M & M Travelling Theatre visit - Jungle Book	1.30pm
Tue 21 st March	Science Theme Day	-
Thurs 23 rd March	4 th Lent Service - led by Class 1	9.15am
Fri 24 th March	Small Schools Football Tournament - Our Lady of Lourdes	1.30pm
Fri 31 st March	End Term Service	9.15am
Fri 31 st March	School closes for Easter Holidays	3.15pm