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Dear Parents,

NEWSLETTER

Let me start by wishing everyone a Happy New Year and welcoming you all back to school. I'm sure 2018 will be another wonderful year for St Mary's School.

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 appreciated wherever possible as Mrs Boardman does not always have change. Thank you.

PTA AGM

The PTA are holding their Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm on the **18th January 2018** in school. At this meeting they will elect the following members; Chair person(s), Secretary and Treasurer. If you would like more information regarding any of these positions please contact one of the existing team.

They will also be discussing events for the year ahead and, as always, all are welcome to attend. The PTA would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support.

Gin Tasting Night

There are still a few places available for the gin tasting night on **Friday 26th January**. The evening will be an educationally entertaining evening of "gintoxication" as we explore the wonderful world of gin and the array of taste sensations that botanicals, mixers and garnishes hold. There will be at least 5 gins to taste as well as a cheese and nibbles sharing board and a complimentary gin glass. Ticket are £25pp and are available from Mrs- Boardman. Those who have reserved tickets, payment is due no later than Friday 19th January. Many thanks.

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 11th 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 you child is unable to attend please would you inform me in writing.

Class 4 - PGL Residential Trip

Please can we remind Class 4 parents that full payment for this year's residential trip will be due no later than 28th February 2018. Cheques should be made payable to St Mary's School. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Woodward
Head Teacher

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thurs 18 th Jan	PTA AGM	7.30pm
Tues 23 rd Jan	Yr 5/6 Indoor Athletics Competition - Castle Sports Centre	1.00pm
Fri 26 th Jan	Gin Tasting Night	7.30pm
Sun 11 th Feb	Sermon Sunday - St Mary's Church, Hawkshaw	10.35am
Fri 16 th Feb	School closes for Half Term	3.15pm
Mon 26 th Feb	School re-opens	9.00am
Thurs 1 st March	World Book Day	-
Thurs 8 th March	1 st Lent Service - led by Class 2	9.15am
Thurs 15 th March	2 nd Lent Service - led by Class 1	9.15am
Tues 20 th March	Parents' Evening 1	3.30pm to 6.30pm
Thurs 22 nd March	3 rd Lent Service - led by Class 4	9.15am
Thurs 22 nd March	Parents' Evening 2	6.00pm to 8.30pm
Thurs 29 th March	Awards Ceremony & 4 th Lent Service - led by Class 3	9.15am
Thurs 29 th March	School closes for Easter Holidays	3.15pm
Mon 16 th April	School Re-opens	9.00am