



# NEWSLETTER

**St Mary's R C Primary School**  
**Haslingden**  
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**Headteacher: Miss D McNicoll**

20<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Dear Parents

## **PTA Meeting**

Thanks to all the parents who attended the PTA meeting in school on Monday evening. It was great to see some new faces and it was a very productive meeting! The main focus of the meeting was the planning of the Summer Fair which takes place on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July from noon to 3pm. Please put the date in your diary as it's going to be a fantastic day out for all the family!

## **Sponsors**

As always, we are donating all monies raised from ticket sales of 'Top of the Pops' to Bury Hospice. The hospice cares for terminally ill people at the end of their life, including patients from Rossendale so it's a great charity to raise funds for.

The PTA are still looking for local companies to sponsor the hiring of the lights and sound system, costumes and props so that all proceeds from the show can go to Bury Hospice. If you know a company who would be willing to sponsor, ideally a donation of £50-£100, please contact school. Their company logos will also be used on the official programme. Some parents have already kindly offered to sponsor and this can be done via Parent Pay.

Tickets for our forthcoming production will be on sale after the half term break.

## **Welfare Assistant Vacancy**

We have a vacancy for a lunchtime welfare assistant from September to support a child on a 1:1 basis during lunchtime (term time from 11.55am-1.15pm). If you know of anyone who would be interested in this, please ask them to contact the school office.

We are also interested in accumulating a bank of people who may want to do some lunchtime supervision on a casual basis, when our permanent welfare staff maybe off sick. Again, if you know of anyone who may be interested in doing this, please contact the school office.

## **Diamond Jubilee**

To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we are having a celebration in school on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May. We are asking the children to come dressed as a member of the Royal Family or to wear red, white and blue!

Our themed lunch that day will be in the form of a street party picnic which, weather permitting, will take place outside. If your child is in KS2 and normally has a packed lunch but would like to have this special lunch that day, please complete payment of £2.30 via Parent Pay. As children in KS1 are entitled to free universal school meals, no payment is needed.



### **Stars of the week**

The following pupils have been awarded this week's REACH awards today. Congratulations to all of our Stars!

<b>R</b>	<b>All of Year 2</b>
<b>E</b>	<b>Zachary ( Class 3)</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>Mitchell ( Class 5)</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>Laila R ( class 4)</b>
<b>H</b>	<b>Sofia ( Class 1)</b>
<b>Miss McNicoll's 5Ws award</b>	<b>Rio ( Class 3)</b>

### **Star Writer Award**

Class 1: Riley

Class 2: Theo M

Class 3: Macie

Class 4: Ashton

Class 5: Alfie

### **Malcolm's Attendance Award**

Well done to Class 5, who have the best attendance this week.

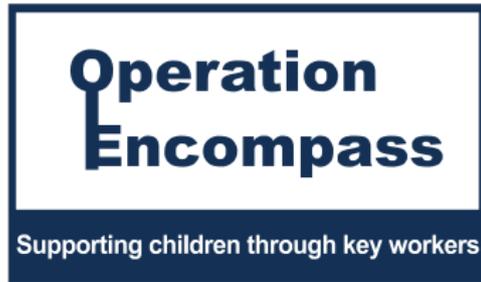
### **Operation Encompass**

Please find attached an information letter informing/reminding parents that our school is participating in Operation Encompass.

Finally, a reminder it is our 'Welcome to School' evening for parents ( and children ) starting St Mary's reception class in September. This takes place on Monday evening at 6pm. There will be a presentation in the hall for parents and the children will spend time in class meeting their new classmates, accompanied by some of the staff.

Yours Sincerely

Miss D McNicoll  
Headteacher



**Dear Parent/Carer,**

This letter is to inform you / remind you that our school/ college is participating in Operation Encompass. Operation Encompass is a unique Police and Education early intervention safeguarding partnership which ensures that a child/ young person's school/ college is informed, prior to the start of the next school day, that there has been a domestic abuse, vulnerable child or missing incident to which the child or young person has been exposed, and which might then have an impact on them in school/ college the following day.

Each school/ college is informed of all such incidents, not just those where an offence can be identified or those which are graded as high risk. The partnership recognises that all domestic abuse, vulnerable child and missing incidents can be harmful to children and young people.

This information will be shared throughout the year, including holidays and weekends. Information will only be shared with the school/ college by the police where it is identified that a young person was present, witnessed or was involved.

A nominated member of staff, known as a Key Adult, has been trained to liaise with the police. At St Mary's RC Primary our Key Adults are Miss McNicoll and Miss Fearn. They will be able to use information that has been shared with them, in confidence, to ensure that the school makes provision for possible difficulties experienced by children or their families. The Key Adults will keep this information confidential and will only share it on a need-to-know basis, for instance, to teaching staff for the child or young person. It will not be shared with other school students.

This national initiative has been implemented across the whole of the Lancashire Police area. If you would like some more information about it, you can view it online at [www.operationencompass.org](http://www.operationencompass.org).

We are keen to offer the best support possible for our pupils and a recent review of Operation Encompass showed that it is beneficial and supportive for all those involved.

**Yours sincerely,**

**Mr J McMahon**

Chair of Governors

**Miss D McNicoll**

Head Teacher

**Pan Lancashire Operation Encompass**

The purpose of Operation Encompass is to safeguard and support children and young people who have been involved in or witness to a domestic abuse, vulnerable child or missing incident.

Operation Encompass has been created to address such situations that create a safeguarding risk to young people. It is the implementation of key partnership working between the police and schools/ colleges. The aim of sharing information with local schools/ colleges is to allow 'Key Adults' the opportunity of engaging with the child and to provide access to support that allows them to remain in a safe but secure familiar environment.

Following the report of a domestic abuse, vulnerable child or missing incident, by

9.00am on the next school/ college day the school's Key Adult will be informed of the child or young person's involvement. This knowledge, given to educational establishments through Operation Encompass, allows the provision of immediate early intervention through silent or overt support dependent upon the needs and wishes of the child/ young person.

The purpose and procedures in Operation Encompass have been shared with all parents and governors, is detailed as part of the school's Safeguarding Policy and published on our school website.