

STMS newsletter 15th March 2018

Dear Parents

Firstly may I thank parents for being so understanding with the unavoidable closure we were faced with because of the snow. It was a very difficult call given the changing pattern and the timings of arrivals of heavy snowfall. Thank you for the overwhelming positive feedback too, it is very much appreciated. Sounds like most children had a fantastic day in the snow!

I also wanted to make parents aware that there have been 3 very recent cases of scarlet fever in our Early Years classes. Scarlet fever in itself is not serious but when it co-circulates with 7 cases of chickenpox, we have to be extra vigilant. We are working with the Public Health Team to control the spread of infection and as parents I would urge you to read the separate guidance we have issued in a letter today.

As many of you are aware, Mrs Lindley's baby is due very soon. She was hoping to go on maternity leave at Easter but with the chickenpox outbreak, she has had to bring that forward. Mrs Pinnington who joined us as the Early Years team leader in September will be covering Mrs Lindley while she is on leave. It is wonderful to have such an experienced and knowledgeable practitioner who knows the children and the team really stepping in for Mrs Lindley.

I am also able to confirm that we have arrangements in place to cover Mrs Ward when she leaves at Easter. After advertising twice we rejected all applicants as we didn't feel they were suitably qualified or capable to take on Columba class mid-year. However I am delighted to say that Mrs Sparkes who is a qualified teacher but who has been working with us as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant, is happy to teach English and Maths every morning in Columba and I will teach subjects like History, Geography, RE, Science in the afternoons. Mrs Sparkes knows the children extremely well and so I am very grateful and indeed delighted that she has agreed to do this. We will of course be placing additional TA support into the class as well.



Child Care

New child care booking forms will be sent out shortly. Please ensure that all child care accounts are settled or are in credit.

All accounts need to be paid in full by Friday 23rd March 2018.

Jumble Sale

To be held at St Josephs Church hall, West Street, Havant

Saturday 21st April at 11am till 1pm

20p entrance, All welcome

Clothes, Books, DVD's, Toys, Kids clothes, Nearly New, Shoes, and much more

All proceeds will go to charity.

Tommy's Childcare

We offer breakfast and after school club every day. Breakfast club starts from either 7.45am (£4.00 a session) or 8am (£3.00 a session), the children are offered a range of breakfast cereals and toast and there are plenty of games and fun to be had!

After school club runs until 4.30pm (£5.00) or 5.45pm (£10.00) the children are provided with a range of snacks and entertained with fantastic games and activities.

If you are interested in hearing more about our childcare, please contact Mrs Miller.

St Joseph's Havant Church News

17th March—Engaged Couples Breakfast Bishop Philip invites all engaged couples to a special breakfast and service of blessing at the Cathedral Centre, Bishop Crispian Way, PO1 3HG. 9.15-11.45. De-tails available at the backs of the churches. RSVP to Kirsten, tel: 023 9282 0894 or kmc-guire@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

21st March—Fashion Show 7pm. Tickets £5 each, to include light refreshments. Edinburgh Woollen Mills, Waterlooville. Organised by Havant Passion Play. Contact: jackychong@btinternet.com

Church News

St Michaels Church

Stations of the Cross on Friday 23rd March at 7pm

St Patricks Church

If you wish to book the hall, please contact Denzil on 07791 776 148

School Dinner cost change

The cost of school dinner will increase from £2.15 to £2.30 from September 2018.

ITEMS FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Time	Event
Monday 19 March	TBC	Parent Teacher Meetings commencing this week
Thursday 29 March	3.15pm	Last day of term
Friday 30 March		Good Friday
Monday 16 April	8.45am	First day back after Easter holidays
Monday 23 July		INSET DAY