

St. Mary's Newsletter

With God's help, we reach for the stars.



Last week, Year 3 had a visitor from the Ancient Greek times. Their visitor, Polly, told the children all about the Ancient Greek cities and their rulers, the wars they had and how Alexander the Great conquered the country. They then acted out a version of Theseus and the Minotaur. Throughout the rest of the day the children took part in a quiz, Ancient Greek puzzles, they became Greek Hoplites and became Olympic athletes. The children thoroughly enjoyed their day with some of them arriving in some fantastic Greek outfits!

Disco

Wednesday 15th February

Nursery & reception

**1.30-2pm £2.50
(includes drink and snack)**

**Year 1&2 2.10-3pm £2.50
(includes drink and snack)**

**Years 3-6 3.20-4.30pm £1
entry
(snacks available to buy)**

Trip money

By Monday 13th February all parents must have paid a minimum of £21 towards their child's trip money for the year. The total payable this academic year is £39

All after school clubs/boosters are cancelled next week (w/c 13.2.17). The morning booster classes and Early Bird Reading sessions will be on as usual.

Please see below information received from Stoke-on-Trent LA

Dear School Staff, Parents and Governors

As a result of last year's survey and more recent discussions with Headteachers and Schools, we would like to know your preference regarding the following two options for term dates in 2018 / 2019:

Option 1 is a standard holiday pattern with a six week summer holiday
Option 2 is a reduced summer break by one week to five weeks and adding a further week to October half term.
Please use the web address as below:

<http://webapps.stoke.gov.uk/snapsurveys/schooltermdates/schooltermdates.htm>

SEN Forum

The next meeting will take place on Monday 13th March, 1-3pm. Invites will be sent out after half term.

- *Monday 13th -Friday17th February - Media Week*
- *Wednesday 15th February - PTFA School disco*
- *Thursday 16th February - Cinema night until 6pm*
- *Friday 17th February - last day of school, half term.*
- *Monday 27th February - all staff and children return to school*
- *Tuesday 28th February - 3DC to Ormiston Horizon Academy am*
- *Wednesday 1st March - Dance 017 Regent Theatre*
- *Monday 6th March - Library bus to visit nursery and reception children*
- *Wednesday 8th March - 3DM to Ormiston Horizon Academy am*
- *Wednesday 8th March - Alpha to Omega Parent Workshop for year 5*
- *Week commencing 13th March - Science week*
- *Tuesday 14th March - Mother's Day coffee morning*



On Monday the nursery and reception children enjoyed a visit from the theatre company who performed three different fairy tales as part of our topic this term. The children participated in the singing and dancing and had a fabulous time.