



St. Mary's News

30th September 2016



Values Week

The children have spent the week exploring our British Values of democracy; the importance of laws; our right to have the freedom to make choices; the importance of respecting each other and the importance of being tolerant towards those who have different faiths and beliefs.

Photographs will be put up on the website once all of the work has been completed.

First Holy Communion

Many thanks to the parents and children who attended the First Holy Communion meeting on Wednesday night in Church. This first session was called 'Come to the Water'. Mrs Hymers and Mr Twist were very impressed with the children's behaviour and everyone seemed to enjoy exploring the special parts of our lovely Church from the altar and tabernacle to the baptismal font at the back of Church. The children also had the opportunity to talk about their own baptism with their parents. The next meeting is on **Wed 2nd Nov** at 6pm in the **infant hall**. **Please note** that the final meeting date this term is **Wednesday 7th Dec** in the infant hall 6.00pm. (This is a change of date).



Morning Line Up for Y1 and Y2 children.

Thank you for supporting us in our lining up of the children. We have noticed a definite difference in how quickly the children come into school and in how quickly they settle down into their morning routines.

Remember that if you arrive after the children have been taken into class, then all Y1/Y2 children will need to enter the infant building via the Y2 door where an adult will greet them. The Y1 door will remain shut in order to safeguard your children. Many thanks.



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MacMillan Coffee Morning

Our annual MacMillan Coffee Morning took place yesterday and was a great success. Many thanks to those who donated cakes and to those who gave up their time to help. We raised a super £290 and there is still money coming in.

Next year we will host a MacMillan Coffee afternoon rather than morning to give the parents who work a chance to join us. It will also allow parents and children to sit and chat together after school.

Our coffee morning helpers have also asked school to pass on a special well done to the children in our Year 2 class for the lovely manners that they showed when they came into the hall to choose a cake. The helpers commented upon the fact that many of our children had lovely manners, but especially highlighted the Year 2 class, as every single child said please and thank-you. Mrs Talbot-Davies has given the children a Do-jo in recognition of this. Children, Mrs Hymers will also give you an extra five! She is very proud of you.



School Nurse

Our school nurse is called Victoria Waters and she came into school this week to meet with Mrs Hymers to talk about the services that she can offer to our parents and children.

One of these services is a **monthly drop in session** where parents are welcome to drop in and chat with Victoria about any health or well-being concerns that they may have about their child. If she is unable to help you, then she will be able to sign post you to someone who can. The first drop in session will be on **Tuesday Nov 1st from 3.30 – 4.15pm**. The next session will be on **Tuesday 6th Dec from 8.45 – 9.30am**. No appointments are needed – simply pop into reception and they will take you to the allocated room.

Victoria will also be available for parents to chat during both parents' evenings. (Wed 19th and Thurs 20th of October in the infant hall.)

Finally – advance notice of Flu Immunisations for Y1, Y2 and Y3 children. Letters will be sent out shortly, but this year's immunisation programme for the children in the above year groups will be on Monday Nov 14th.



Football Festival

Some of the Year 6 girls have been invited to take part in a football festival next Wednesday, 5th October at Selwyn Jones. Letters have been sent home tonight to the children that have been selected. Good luck next week.



Woodlands Cup

Some of our children from Years 5 and 6 will be taking part in a mixed tag rugby and football tournament on Thursday, 6th October at Clinkham Wood. Letters will be sent home on Monday to those children involved with more information.



Data Sheets

Your child has brought home school data sheets that need to be checked and amended if necessary. Everyone needs to sign, date and return the sheets to school as soon as possible (even if there are no changes).



Year 4 Service of Sorrow

As part of their Communion preparation the Year 4 children will be making their First confession on Thursday, 15th December at 2.30pm in Church. Parents are welcome to come along.



Harvest Festival

Next Friday, 7th October, we will be celebrating our Harvest Festival. All the children are invited to bring donations of tinned/dried/packet food to celebrate the Harvest. These gifts can be brought into school on the Friday morning. The gifts will then be taken over to Church where they will be displayed at Mass and then later distributed to local food banks or refuges. Parents of Reception and KS1 children are invited to come along to the assembly at 9.30am. Mrs Hymers does apologise as she will be unable to attend as she is on a course. Mrs Taylor will be taking the assembly.



Halloween Disco

This year's Halloween disco is on Friday, 21st October, in St Mary's Club from 6-9pm. Tickets will be going on sale on Monday morning. Please note that there must be no unaccompanied children.



Dates for Your Diary

03/10/16	Poetry week
07/10/16	Harvest assembly KS1 & Rec parents invited 9.30am
10/10/16	Judaism week
14/10/16	E-safety Parental workshop 1.45pm KS2 children E-safety assembly KS2 parents invited
17/10/16	Hinduism week
19/10/16	Open afternoon 2.30-3.15pm Parents evening 3.40-6.30pm
20/10/16	Open afternoon 2.30-3.15pm Parents evening 3.40-6.30pm
21/10/16	Finish for half term
21/10/16	Halloween disco
01/11/16	School reopens
21/11/16	Anti bullying assembly 2.30pm. KS2 parents invited.
02/12/16	Christmas Fayre in St Mary's Club from 3.30pm
13/12/16	KS1 Christmas Play 2.00pm
14/12/16	KS1 Christmas Play 2.00pm KS2 Christmas Play 7.00pm
15/12/16	Rec Christmas Play 2.30pm
16/12/16	School Christmas Parties
21/12/16	Christmas Service in Church 2.00pm
21/12/16	School closes for Christmas Holidays



Poppy Appeal

We have now received our boxes of poppy themed items and poppies which are now on sale at the office. We are asking for a minimum donation of £1 per item. This year we have friendship bracelets, slap rulers, wristbands, reflectors and of course traditional poppies. Last year we raised a fantastic £541.74 which was the highest of all the primary schools in the borough. Please support this very worthy appeal.



Lest We Forget.

Guitars

Can parents please make sure that their child's name is on both their guitars and cases. Can you also please make sure that you have paid for your child's lessons. Cheques should be made payable to Mrs C Connolly.



And finally

A Night at the Museum

Several of our children are having a sleepover in Liverpool Museum tonight. We hope that they all have a great time and try to get some sleep. Oh and watch out for the dinosaurs



