



St. Mary's News

14th October 2016



Sports Mark Award

Our school was awarded a **Silver** Sports Mark Award this week in recognition of the school's commitment to developing our children's sporting skills and in providing opportunities for the children to participate in a variety of sporting activities. We originally applied for a Bronze Sports Mark, but the assessor felt that we deserved to be upgraded to Silver as he was so impressed with how we track and monitor participation numbers; how we offer 2hrs of physical education each week in KS2; how we provide opportunities for our children to 'learn to lead' through P.E and finally in the number of sporting events and tournaments we have participated in from 2015 to the present day. A big thank you to Mrs Cotterill who filled in the application form; collated the evidence and met with the assessor.

Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evening are taking place next Wed and Thurs 19th and 20th October. A text has been sent out reminding parents of the need to make appointments as no-one will be seen without one. Parents' Evenings will take place in the infant hall and admission will be through the fire doors at the side of the infant building. The ABC club will be open until 5.30pm if you want your child to go in whilst you attend your appointment at a cost of £1 per child. Please remember that your child cannot be with you when you are talking to their teacher.

Open Afternoons

School will be open for parents to visit their child's class and to look at their children's work from 2.15pm - 3.15pm on Wed and Thurs. Don't worry if you are unable to make the afternoon as your child's books will be available for you to see on the night of your appointment. Can we please ask that you do leave your child's class at the stated time so that we are able to get your children ready for home time.



First Holy Communion

The next meeting is on **Wed 2nd Nov** at 6pm in the **infant hall**. **Please make sure that someone attends.**



Halloween Disco

This years Halloween disco is on Friday, 21st October, in St Mary's Club 6.30 - 8.30pm. We still have a few tickets left at the office but they are selling very fast.



KS2 E-Safety Assembly

The KS2 children have spent the week exploring how to keep safe in Cyber Space and they shared their work this afternoon during the E-Safety assembly. It was lovely to see the children's work and Mrs Hymers was very proud of those children who had the confidence to stand up and share their work. Well done. Now we all need to remember what we have learned this afternoon and keep safe on the internet.

E-Safety Parental Workshop

Many thanks to the parents who attended the E-Safety workshop today. We hope that you found it useful. A big thank-you to Mrs Waring for running the workshop in her role as Computing subject leader.



Photographic Project

We have had a chaotic couple of days posing for photographs and taking hundreds of pictures to capture life at St Mary's. The photographer commented upon our wonderful children saying that he had really enjoyed his time at St Mary's and that the children were a delight to work with and a credit to the school - so a big well done to everyone. An even bigger well done and a great big thank-you goes to Mrs Hankin, who worked closely with the photographer and children to co-ordinate the photographs and to ensure that everything went smoothly. We are really excited to see the final photos and are looking forward to seeing the completed piece of work. Again our thanks go out to the PTFA for their support in funding this project. Finally don't forget to sign up to the Co-op charity scheme and remember to nominate our school every time you spend.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Cotterill and her husband who are expecting the pattering of tiny feet in February 2017. They are both very excited about their first baby and are busy preparing for its arrival. We wish them both well and advise them to get plenty of sleep whilst they can as we all know what lies ahead - sleepless nights, dirty nappies, tantrums and years of love and special memories.

We will appoint a member of staff to cover Mrs Cotterill's maternity leave and will let you know nearer the time who this will be.



Year 5 Crucial Crew

This week, Year 5 visited Langtree Park to take part in Crucial Crew. They learned all about how to stay safe outside of school and how to contact the emergency services in different situations. The children thoroughly enjoyed the morning and were very well behaved.

Secondary Applications

Can we please remind Year 6 parents that the closing date for secondary applications is Monday, 31st October. Please make sure that the Faith form has been returned to St Peter's and any other Catholic High School that you have applied to.



School Photographs

Photograph orders need to be returned to school by next Wednesday, 19th October, so that we can get them sent off. Reception class photos also need to be returned by next Wednesday at the latest.



Tea@2

Tea @2 returned this week. Mrs Hymers spent time chatting to Christopher (Rec), Jordan (Y1), Libbie-May (Y2), Benjamin (Y3), Thomas (Y4), Lily (Y5) and Rebecca (Y6). The children talked about what they liked about school - Rebecca enjoys all of the sporting clubs, whilst Christopher likes chasing his friend and Ben wants even harder maths work! The children also spoke about the toys they enjoy playing with and Lego was a firm favourite. Again, Mrs Hymers was really impressed with the children's manners.



School Nurse- Monthly drop in session

Victoria Waters, our school nurse, is offering 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.)

Flu Immunisation letters have been sent out this week for Y1, Y2 and Y3 children. Please return the consent form as soon as possible.



After School Athletics

KS2 athletics will continue after school on Tuesday night for the Y5/Y6 children. Can we remind you to please collect your child from the club car park at half past four. It is much simpler for us to dismiss the children from one gate. Thank-you.



Hinduism Week

Next week all of our children will be exploring the Hindu Faith as part of their Come and See work.

Y6 Boys' Football

Some of the Y6 boys took part in a football tournament this week at Selwyn Jones. They won 1 game and drew 3. They all tried very hard and their behaviour was excellent. Well done boys.



