



St. Mary's News

13th January 2017



Parent Questionnaire

Can I thank you all for completing the parent questionnaires that were sent out last week. We received many positive comments about our school and your views reinforced what we, as the staff, think of St Mary's. If you have not sent in your questionnaire yet, can you please send them back by next Tues at the latest. The questionnaires will then be analysed and the findings will be shared with you.

Thank You!

Car Parking

The issue of our children's safety in the club car park, in a morning and after school, was raised as a concern on one of the returned questionnaires. This is an ongoing concern and it is something that only you, as our parents, can resolve.

As a school all we can do is ask you to be mindful of the speed in which you enter and exit the car park. We are unable to police the car park as it is not part of school's land. This concern has been raised on many occasions over the years and will continue to be an issue unless people start to slow down. I too fear, along with many of our parents, that one of our children will get hurt.

Can we also remind you that the car park at the back of the club is NOT for parental use. It is for coach car parking and recycling only.

We have also had complaints of people parking on the road and grass verges going into St Mary's Avenue and on the driveway that leads to Birchley Hall (which is a private road). Can we please ask that you either walk or use the club car park.



Year 2/3 Rugby Training

The children in Y2/Y3 really enjoyed their rugby sessions with Wigan Warriors this week and are looking forward to the next session on Monday. Children will need their PE kits in order to participate.



Sacrament of Reconciliation

The next meeting for Y4 children and parents is on Wed 18th Jan in the infant hall. The session will begin at its usual time - 6pm. It is essential that your child attends and that they are accompanied by a parent.

Remaining Sessions

Wed 22nd Feb 2017

Wed 22nd March 2017

Wed 24th May 2017



School Council

Mrs Hymers is going to take four of the school council out on Monday 23rd January to Toys R Us, so that they can select new toys and games for each class to use during wet playtimes and lunchtimes. We will let you know what they bought and will include a photograph in the newsletter of the 27th.

The next school council meeting is on Monday 16th Jan at 1.00pm upstairs in Y6.



PTFA

Thank you to the parents who attended the PTFA meeting yesterday morning. The school are extremely grateful to the PTFA as they work tirelessly to raise funds to help school. Without their efforts our children would not be able to experience some of the wonderful things that they do. The next meeting is on Thursday 6th March at 6.00pm in school.



Saints Raffle Winners

Congratulations to Eve and Grace whose names were drawn out in assembly today. Your prize of a family ticket to the Saints game against Leeds Rhinos is on its way to you - once school has registered you as the prize winner. Enjoy the game!



School Dinner — Party Day

Next Thursday, 19th January, we are having a party day at lunchtime. Any children who don't normally stay for school lunches are encouraged to have one on Party Day. Parents of KS2 children please send payment of £2.25 into school on Monday morning in a named envelope. Parents of KS1 & Reception children please let the school office know on Monday morning.



Y6 Parental Maths Workshop

Mrs Hrabowenskyj and Mrs Hymers are running a Maths Workshop for Y6 parents next Friday 20th January at 2.30pm. (This is the workshop that was mentioned during the Y6 Parents' Meeting in September.)

The workshop will give parents the opportunity to look at the format of the Maths SAT papers and to familiarise themselves with the level of attainment expected from the children. Staff will also model the different calculation strategies being taught in school so that parents are able to support the children with their work and SAT preparation activities.

Part of the workshop will be practical in nature so that parents will have the opportunity to try the strategies out for themselves.

Parents in the past have found the workshop extremely useful and we have had lots of positive feedback. If you are able to attend the workshop can you please let Mrs Hrabowenskyj know by putting a note in your child's diary. This will help us to get the correct number of resources ready in advance.



Holiday Clubs

We will be running our usual holiday club during February half-term. Information leaflets will be sent out shortly. If you would like to book in advance on-line then go to www.premiersport.org.uk. If you do book early - apply one of the following discount codes:

LA30 - 30% discount for full week bookings (5 days)

LA20 - 20% discount for any other booking

Summer Holiday Club - Advanced notice

The summer holiday club will run for the first 4 weeks of the summer holidays. Many parents have asked us to let you know the dates in advance, so that they are able to book time off and family holidays around our holiday club dates.



Parents' Evening

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Please circle your preferred day and time:

Tuesday (7 Feb)

Wednesday (8 Feb)

3.40 - 4.30

4.40 - 5.30

5.40 - 6.20

Signed: _____ Parent/Guardian

For school use only Allocated day and time: _____

Payments Due This Term

Can you please make sure that all your payments are up to date for this term.



Parents Evening

Our next Parents Evening is on Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th February. Appointments can be made to see your child's Classteacher by filling in the form below and returning it to school as soon as possible. We will try to make you an appointment as close as possible to what you have requested.



Dates for Your Diary

18/1/17	Sacramental Meeting - 6.00pm
6/2/17	KS1 Sharing Assembly - 2.45pm
7/2/17	Open afternoon & parents evening
8/2/17	Open afternoon & parents evening
10/2/17	School closes for half term holidays
20/2/17	School reopens
22/2/17	Sacramental meeting - 6.00pm
24/2/17	Swimming starts for Years 4 & 5
22/3/17	Sacramental meeting - 6.00pm
28/3/17	Sports day (option 1)
30/3/17	Sports day (option 2)
31/3/17	School closes for Spring holiday
18/4/17	School reopens
24/5/17	Sacramental meeting - 6.00pm



Tea@2

Mrs Hymers was joined by Joshua M (Y1), Sonny (Y2), Georgina (Y3), Halle (Y4), Tillie (Y5) and Joseph L (Y6) this week for morning tea. (Mrs Hymers was out in the afternoon.) Jake from Reception was poorly, so he will join Mrs Hymers next week instead. Hope you feel better soon Jake. It was a very chatty group and the children were keen to talk about Christmas and their presents (Pie Face was a very popular present) and about what they were looking forward to in school. Joe is looking forward to PGL; Halle is excited about making her First Communion and Tillie is looking forward to going on a school trip. We also talked about the pantomime and how fantastic it was. As always Mrs Hymers asked the children if they were happy in school (all of the children said they were) and what could she do to make school even better. (They couldn't think of anything).



St Marys PTFA require your attendance at their

MUSICAL MASQUERADE



Best Mask Competition

Hot Food Available

Raffle

Tickets include entry and a soft drink on arrival - On Sale from 19/01/17 @ £2.50 per person from the office

Friday 10th February 6.30-9pm @ St Marys Club

Dressing up is optional for both children and adults

- But please can children wear a mask!



