



St. Mary's News

10th February 2017



Alice loses it for Little Princess Trust

Alice in Y5 is getting her lovely, long hair cut off in the February half-term to raise money for cancer. Her hair will be used to make wigs for children who have lost their hair as a result of cancer treatment. Alice has raised a very impressive £300 so far and is keen to raise a little more. If you would like to support Alice in her fund-raising simply go to <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/aliceroberts.chop>.



First Holy Communion

The next meeting for Y4 children and parents is on Wed 22nd Feb 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 March 2017

Wed 24th May 2017



Football

Football training with Mr McMinn will continue after the half term holiday. The cost for the next half term is £24 which must be paid as soon as we come back. As the KS2 children will be outside on Mondays after school please make sure that they have the appropriate kit. The KS1 children will continue indoors.



Guitars & Recorders

Music lessons with Mrs Connolly will continue after the half term holiday. The cost for next term is £12 as parents are owed two weeks from when Mrs Connolly was off.



'Book of the Month'

Reminder that the next book circle meeting is on Wednesday, 22nd February, at 12.50pm in Year 4 classroom. We will be celebrating Roald Dahls 'Esio Trot'. If you would like to come along all you need to join is a copy of the book. See you there!

Musical Masquerade Party

The PTFA are hosting a Musical Masquerade Party in the club **tonight** from 6.30 - 9.00pm. It will be a great family evening and the PTFA have lots of great things planned from a Photo Booth where you can have your picture taken with your friends (props will be provided), to DJ's, competitions, raffles and hot food. If you really want to get into the swing of things the PTFA would love it if you could wear a mask and dressing up is optional. Please come along and support this event as all money raised comes back into school to enhance your children's learning experiences. **YOU CAN PAY ON THE DOOR IF YOU DON'T ALREADY HAVE A TICKET. (£2.50 a person)**

Already this year the PTFA have subsidised the cost of the Pantomime; funded the photography project; bought two new laptops as well as buying all children a selection box for Christmas. School could not offer many of the things that we do without the PTFAs support.



The Levy

We are still awaiting contributions to the Levy from over 31 of our families. The Levy plays a really important part in the funding of a Catholic School's buildings and repair work. In order for our school to receive funding from the Archdiocese, school must contribute an annual amount - based on £10 per family. If our families don't pay their £10 contribution, school has to cover the shortfall. We already have an extremely challenging budget and if we had to cover the current shortfall it would mean that money would have to be taken from amounts set aside to buy class resources.

Thank You!

Class Attendance

Reception	- 97.44%
Year 1	- 94.07%
Year 2	- 92.18%
Year 3	- 98.89%
Year 4	- 95.7%
Year 5	- 98.92%
Year 6	- 99.26%

Well done to the children in Year 6 who are the class of the week with a class attendance this week of 99.26%.



Lunchtime Awards

	<u>Dinner Hall</u>	<u>Playground</u>
Rec	Sophie	Heidi
Y1	Dylan	Sofia
Y2	George	Molly
Y3	Thomas	Sam
Y4	James	Harry
Y5	Charlotte	Katie
Y6	Holly	Rebecca



House Points

	<u>Infants</u>	<u>Juniors</u>
Matthew	Dylan	Katie
Mark	Kiera	Joshua
Luke	Sofia	Rebecca
John	Sophia	Ben

The overall winners were Dylan (Y1) and Katie (Y5) Well done everyone!



Parents' Evenings

Many thanks to all of the parents who came along to parents' evening on Tuesday or Wednesday. We hope that you found the time spent with your child's teacher very informative and that you went away with a clear understanding of what your child is able to do well and what your child needs further support with.

Thank-you also to the staff, who are all very tired now after their two late nights and are ready for a rest during half-term.



Infant Sharing Assembly

A big well done to all of our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children for their wonderful sharing assembly on Monday. We received some lovely comments from our families who attended. Here are just a few ... 'a fantastic assembly. I look forward to many more.' 'What lovely thoughts and beautiful singing.' 'Lovely theme and everyone was fully involved.' 'The children did themselves proud.' 'Thank-you to all of the teachers for their hard work in getting the children ready and in organising the assembly.'



Good Work

A huge well done to the following children who have all been recognised for their good work this week:

Reception - Isabelle

Year 1 - Lexie

Year 2 - Anna

Year 3 - Abby

Year 4 - Lexi

Year 5 - Ethan

Year 6 - Joseph

Well done everyone!



Lego Club

The first session of the Lego Club will be on Monday 20th Feb in the Junior Hall for KS2 children from 12.45 - 1.25pm and infant children from 1.30 - 2.00pm. School does have some Lego, but obviously for the club to be successful we would really appreciate any donations of Lego that you may have that your child no longer uses. They don't need to be complete sets. If your child would like to bring their own Lego into school to use during the club, they can do so. It can be left in Mrs Hymers' room and collected at the end of the school day.



Future Clubs

Once the Lego club is up and running, school will look to offer further clubs. One suggestion is a Top Trump club where children can compete against each other in a variety of different scenarios from Frozen Princesses, to Army Facts and World's Greatest Footballers to Marvel Super Heroes. Further details will follow. Several children have been to see Mrs Hymers this week to talk about clubs. Jasmine, Maddie, Mia and Lucy -Jo have suggested an art club, whilst Harry and Rhian-na think a colouring club would be great. Keep your ideas coming children.

Payments due next term

For your information the following payments are due when we come back after the half term holidays:

School meals - £67.50

Fish & Chip Friday - £13.50

Reception Snacks - £9.00

KS2 Toast - £6.00

Milk - £2.00

Please note that all cheques should be made payable to St Helens Council and should be paid in advance and not in arrears. We are unable to give KS2 children toast unless they have already paid for it.





Double Tea@2!

Due to the large number of children involved, Mrs Hymers held two tea parties today - one for the Infant children and one for the Junior children. As you can imagine - lots of cake, cups of tea, hot chocolate, water and milk shake were eaten and drank today and the children had lots to say.

Our KS1 guests today were Max and Sophie from Rec, Gabriel and Florence from Y1 and Lily and Lottie from Y2. We talked about how many children are in St. Mary's and Gabriel told us that it was one less than the number of bones in our body. Max likes coming to school and enjoys playing with Lego; Sophie likes drawing best; Florence loves Come and See; Lottie likes Maths; Lily likes all of the clubs that we have. Her favourite is gymnastics. Gabriel likes the fact that he has teachers that guide him.

Our KS2 guests were Jamie and Caitlin from Y3, Ellie-Mae and Jake from Y4, Sam and Ellie May from Y5 and Shay and Rhianna from Y6. Lots of the children were looking forward to the Masquerade Ball tonight - keep a look out for Caitlin's bunny mask J Shay, Ellie-Mae and Rhianna are really enjoying playing with the new board games. Shay likes Cluedo, Ellie Mae enjoys Jenga and Rhianna enjoys playing with Logo Grab. Ellie May from Y5 really enjoys coming to school as all of the teachers are nice. She also loves Literacy, but dislikes Maths. Sam doesn't like Maths either, but enjoys Rainbow Writing. Jake enjoys school, but gets a little fed up when people fall out over football. The best thing about school for Jamie is lunchtime as he likes the school dinners - especially pizza and he enjoys playing with his friends.



Holiday Dates 2017/18

School Opens On

Tue 5th Sept 2017
 Tue 31st Oct 2017
 Mon 8th Jan 2018
 Mon 19th Feb 2018
 Mon 16 Apr 2018
 Tue 5th Jun 2018

School Closes On

Fri 20th Oct 2017
 Fri 22nd Dec 2017
 Fri 9th Feb 2018
 Thu 29th Mar 2018
 Fri 25th May 2018
 Fri 20 Jul 2018

School will also be closed on
 Monday 7th May 2018



PGL Payments

The next instalment of £30 is now due. A total of £190 should have been paid by the end of January. Please make sure that your account is up to date.



Finally

The staff and I would like to thank you for all of your support this half term. Have a lovely break and we look forward to seeing you all again on Mon 20th Feb.

