



St. Mary's News

3rd March 2017



New Playground Equipment

Mrs Hymers and Mrs Ollerton have spent the last couple of weeks speaking to a local company Playsound about the cost of making and installing the new football and basketball nets. Many thanks to Mr Aspinall (Mischa's dad) who put us in touch with this company, as they have been able to quote us a great price.

We are going to use the remaining money to put in a wooden climbing wall, on top of the mound, next to the junior playground.

We are hoping to have both the nets and the wall installed during the Easter half-term. The children are very excited and can't wait to see the new nets and wall.



Easter Egg Bingo

Our very popular PTFA annual Easter Egg Bingo takes place on Fri 31st March from 3.30 - 5.30pm. It is a great evening of fun, so come along and support the school. As usual there will be a raffle and a variety of stalls e.g. 'Guess the Weight of the Easter Cake' and 'Name the Chick/Bunny'. Tickets and further details will follow.

Children will be able to come to school in their own clothes on Thursday 23rd March in return for donations of Easter Eggs or Easter chocolates.



First Holy Communion

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

At the last session the organisation and timings of the day were shared with parents. If you were unable to attend the meeting on Wednesday and would like to discuss any issues around timings, dresses, seating arrangements etc. please speak to Mrs Hymers.

Remaining Sessions:

Wed 22nd March 2017

Wed 24th May 2017



The Levy

We are still awaiting contributions to the Levy from over 25 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. Letters have been sent to those families who still haven't paid.

Thank You

Good Work

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

Reception - Evan

Year 1 - Joshua

Year 2 - James

Year 3 - Myla

Year 4 - Harry

Year 5 - Ellie May

Year 6 - Shay

Well done everyone!



Tea@2

Mrs Hymers had tea with Isla (Rec), Deacon (Y1), Anna (Y2), Kate (Y3), Travis (Y4), Ellie (Y5) and Harry B-P (Y6). The children had lots to say about school life. They all really enjoy school and all said that the school day should be longer! Deacon would love to have a slide outside, whilst Ellie is really excited about the arrival of the new play equipment. The board games are proving to be as popular as ever. Travis enjoys playing Sponge Bob Frustration and Harry enjoys Monopoly and Cluedo. We all told each other something about ourselves that most people don't know. Anna is having a birthday party tomorrow and Mrs Hymers is the special guest. After Anna's party, Mrs Hymers is going to play in Deacon's 2 tree houses and at Halloween Mrs Hymers is joining Kate and her family in Cornwall, as they usually go there for the holidays. Finally, Mrs Hymers told the children about her family and Isla told the group about her baby sister Daisy.

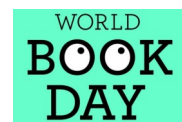
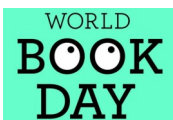
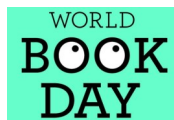
Cross Country

On Thursday 16th March the children in Years 3 & 4 will be going to St Augustine's to take part in a Cross Country event. A letter will be sent out shortly with more information.



World Book Day

Well done to all of those children and staff who came to school in their pyjamas and slippers yesterday to celebrate World Book Day. Onesies proved to be very popular and we were amazed at the number of different animals on show.



Extra Curricular Activities

	Before school	Lunchtime	After school
Monday	Y6 boosting 8.15am	Zumba LEGO Club	Football (KS2) Y6 boosting
Tuesday	Fun fitness		Y6 boosting
Wednesday	Tennis (KS2) Y6 boosting 8.15am	Archery (KS2)	Archery (Rec & KS1)
Thursday	Fun fitness	Guitars KS2 Recorders Y2 Football (KS1)	Choir Y6 boosting Y2 Cooking Club
Friday	Netball (KS2)	Rugby Skills (Rec & KS1)	Volleyball (KS2)

Dates for Your Diary

<u>Holiday Dates 2017/18</u>			
<u>School Opens On</u>	<u>School Closes On</u>		
Tue 5th Sept 2017	Fri 20th Oct 2017	22/3/17	Sacramental meeting - 6.00pm
Tue 31st Oct 2017	Fri 22nd Dec 2017	28/3/17	Sports day (option 1)
Mon 8th Jan 2018	Fri 9th Feb 2018	30/3/17	Sports day (option 2)
Mon 19th Feb 2018	Thu 29th Mar 2018	31/3/17	School closes for Spring holiday
Mon 16 Apr 2018	Fri 25th May 2018	18/4/17	School reopens
Tue 5th Jun 2018	Fri 20 Jul 2018	10/5/17	New Intake meeting
		24/5/17	Sacramental meeting - 6.00pm
		26/5/17	School closes for half-term
		06/6/17	School reopens
		17/6/17	1st Holy Communion
		28/6/17	Y6 PGL Holiday

School will also be closed on

Monday 7th May 2018



Swimming

Today all the children in Years 4 and 5 have been to Parr baths for swimming lessons. As this is part of their curriculum no child will be excused unless they have a medical note from their doctor. Please find below the dates on which they will be going:

Friday - 10th/17th/24th/31st March

Friday - 21/28th April

Friday - 5th/12th/19th/26th May

Correct swimwear must be worn at all times and children with shoulder length hair (boy or girl) have to wear a swimming cap. Girls must wear a one-piece swimsuit. Boys must wear swimming trunks or shorts of no longer than mid-thigh length with no pockets (no Bermuda's or long shorts are acceptable). No wet suits are allowed for either boys or girls. It was clarified by the swimming instructors last week that goggles may be worn.



