



St. Mary's News

21st April 2017



Welcome Back

Welcome back from the Easter break. We hope that you all had a lovely holiday. Now that the weather is getting warmer (fingers crossed) the children are able to come to school in their summer uniforms. Girls are able to wear blue summer dresses (we don't mind the dresses that are culottes as they are really practical) and boys it would be lovely to see you in grey shorts.



Uniform

We are going to update part of our girls' school uniform next year by introducing a new tartan kilt or pinafore dress to replace our traditional navy blue skirt. Mrs Hymers has been busy showing the tartan sample to parents on the playground and has received extremely positive feedback from the parents she has spoken to. If you would like to see the tartan sample, look out for Mrs Hymers before and after school.

Slaters are currently in the process of making a sample skirt and pinafore dress which school will display when ready. The new uniform will be in stock in time for the next academic year - Sept 17.



Class Attendance

Reception - 100%
Year 1 - 99.01%
Year 2 - 97.35%
Year 3 - 95.71%
Year 4 - 100%
Year 5 - 100%
Year 6 - 100%

A big 'Well Done' to the children in Reception and Years 4/5/6 who are the classes of the week with a class attendance of 100%

Bishop Tom is coming to visit

Bishop Tom Williams is coming to spend the morning at St. Mary's on Tuesday 25th April. Bishop Tom will spend time visiting the children in their classes and seeing them at work and he will also have the opportunity to talk with the Governors, Fr. Bernard and staff.

As part of Bishop Tom's visit we will be celebrating Mass and we would like to invite any parents or grandparents to join us at 11.00am in Church.

We are really looking forward to Bishop Tom's visit and we can't wait to show him our wonderful school.



Musical Afternoon

The results of the auditions have been shared with the children this week and everyone now knows who will be performing at our Musical Afternoon. The children who play guitar with Mrs Connolly have also been told who will be performing. The Year 4 children will open the evening by showcasing their brass talents.

Letters were given out yesterday with further details and number requests so that we are able to put out adequate seating.

We look forward to seeing everyone there. You will be amazed at how talented our children are.



PGL Payments

The last payment of £15 for your child's PGL holiday is due at the end of the month. Please make sure that all your payments are up to date. If you are unsure please contact the school office.



Building Work Around Church

The Church is having some repair work done to its walls over the next few months and scaffolding will be in place. Please take care when walking through the Church on your way into school and cars are not allowed to park near to Church. Thank you.

Lego Club

Lego Club returns on Monday 24th April at 12.45pm for our Y3/Y4 children and at 1.30pm for our infant children.



School Website

Our new school website is going live over the next few days so please take time to have a look. It is still not fully built and no doubt we will find mistakes and glitches. Please bear with us as we continue to improve the site and if you have any comments or suggestions, have a chat with Mrs Hymers.

We hope you find the class pages really useful. They will be updated weekly so that information can be passed on quickly and effectively. The class pages will also contain photographs of your children at work and play.

Mrs Hymers will also start a headteacher's blog next week - so look out for her weekly updates.



Play Equipment

Can we please ask that the children do not play on the play equipment (both on the playgrounds and around the field) before and after school as the equipment is not supervised by our staff at these times.

We also do not want to see children climbing up the basketball/football nets as this is not only extremely dangerous, but will damage the nets that we have worked so hard to raise funds for.



Premier Sports Holiday Club

Our Holiday Club ran very successfully during the Easter Break. When Mrs Hymers popped into school everyone seemed to be having a great time.

A Holiday Club will run during the Whit half-term and further details will follow.



Phone Calls to School

If you want to speak to anyone in school after 4.30pm (Mon, Tues, Wed) and 4.00pm (Thurs, Fri) please ring the After School Care Club on 01744 678614. Please note that there is no one in the office after these times and messages will only be picked up the following day.



PTFA - Easter Egg Bingo

A big thank you to all of our families who attended our Easter Egg Bingo before half-term. Everyone had a great time and we raised a fantastic £482.50. Thank you all so much.

Next year's Easter Egg Bingo will include an Easter Egg Hunt around the school grounds.



Payments Due This Term

Dinner Money - £63.00 (£11.25 pw)

Fish & Chip Friday - £13.50

Toast - £5.60

Reception snack - £8.40

Football KS2 - £16 (4 weeks due to Bank Holidays)

Football KS1 - £24

Recorders - £18

Please make sure that all your payments are up to date. Cheques should be made payable to either St Helens Council, Mr McMinn or Mrs Connolly.



Dates for Your Diary

18/4/17

10/5/17

10/5/17

16/5/17

24/5/17

26/5/17

06/6/17

17/6/17

28/6/17

School reopens

New Intake meeting

Year 6 class photo

Sports Day (1)

Sacramental meeting - 6.00pm

School closes for half-term

School reopens

1st Holy Communion

Y6 PGL Holiday



Easter Raffle

We held a giant Easter Raffle in school this week to raffle off the left over eggs from the Easter Bingo. Eleven children from each class received eggs. The money raised (£141) will be used to buy footballs, basketballs, bats, balls and small games to use on the playgrounds. Special mention to Josh L from Y4 who after winning two gave one to another child who was upset as they hadn't won.

Play Equipment

The children were very excited to see the new nets and climbing wall when they arrived back at school on Tuesday. We would like to say a big thank you to all of our families who have contributed towards the cost of the equipment from Christmas Fair and Christmas Play donations. We couldn't have bought them without your help.

We unfortunately could not afford to put artificial turf over the whole of the mound area where the climbing wall is, so we are waiting for the better weather to reseed the rest of the area.



Climbing Wall

We would like to say a big thank you to St. Aidan's Primary School for allowing us to share their climbing wall on the last day of term. We have included a few photographs in this week's newsletter. Further photos will be put on the school's website.

PTFA - Co-Op

The PTFA would like to thank all of our families who have used the Co-Op Reward Scheme over the last few months to raise a whopping £1344 pound for the school. This money was ear-marked at the start of the year to pay for the photographic project that we ran in the first half-term.

I'm sure you'll agree that the photographic book is great to look through and really captures life at St. Mary's and the two large photographic boards really brighten up and enhance our entrance hall and infant hall.

The co-operative



