



St. Mary's News

19th May 2017



Arts Week

Following our very successful Sports Week in 2015 and Science and Technology Week in 2016, we have planned to have an Arts Week in 2017. (Week commencing 19th June)

During this week, all classes will be allocated a different country from around the world and the children will spend the week exploring music, art, traditions, food and dance from their chosen country. The children will have the opportunity to cook traditional foods; research into various artists and create art work in a similar style; explore their countries festivals and iconic events; learn and perform traditional dances and learn to play traditional instruments.

As in previous years, we will be having a celebration assembly on the Friday of that week to share the children's learning with you. (Further details to follow.) Everyone is welcome to the assembly.

In order to cover the costs of some of the activities planned we are asking for a £3.00 contribution per child. This cost has been subsidised by the PTFA. (Many thanks)



Sports Day

Unfortunately we had to cancel our Sports Days this week due to the wet weather (typical!) and have rearranged the days for dates in July. (Mon 3rd and Thurs 6th as back up should we need it). We do apologise for any inconvenience caused, but unfortunately we are unable to control the weather. We hope that the weather is on our side in July. If not, there are no further dates available, so Sports Day would not be able to go ahead at all.

As always, we will try to keep you informed of any decisions we make by sending out text messages and by adding the news to the News Board on the website.



Well Done

A big shout out and a huge well done to Haydn Bynoe from Y5 who, following an extensive trial process, has been selected to play football for the St Helens Schoolboys' Team. Haydn will attend a squad photograph session at Everton FC's Goodison Park next Tuesday before starting to play matches against squads from Merseyside, Wirral, Huyton and Kirkby. We wish Haydn every success. We are really proud of him.



Swimming

Next Friday, 26th May, is the last swimming session for the children in Years 4 & 5.



General Election - Thursday 8th June

School will be used as a Polling Station for the General Election on Thursday 8th June. School will remain open - we just ask you to take care when dropping off and picking up from school as the car park at the front will be busier than usual. ABC will be held in the Infant Hall.



RSE

RSE work will be delivered throughout the school during the week commencing Monday 10th July. All work will match the content on the long term plans. Long term plans can be found on the school's website under the Religious Education tab.

If you would like to discuss the RSE curriculum further, please pop in to see Mrs Hymers or Mrs Talbot-Davies.

First Holy Communion

The final meeting for our Holy Communion children and their families is next Wednesday 24th May at 6.00pm. All children are expected to attend as this is the final preparation session before the children make their First Communion on Saturday June 17th.



Premier Sports Clubs - dropping off

Can we please ask parents of children who are attending the morning sporting clubs to drop their children off at 7.45am at the Infant Hall and not use the ABC as a drop off point. Some parents are dropping children off at 7.30am at Breakfast Club and this means that our staffing ratios are insufficient. If you drop your child off at Breakfast Club you will be charged.

PGL

A parents' guide to PGL was sent home on Monday with the Y6 children. It is a very comprehensive guide to getting ready for PGL. If you have any further questions or need further clarification, please pop in to see Mrs Hymers.



Holiday Cards

Holiday cards for the academic year 2017/18 have been given out tonight to the children in Years Rec - Year 5. Please make sure that you have received yours.



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. Thank you.



Holiday Club

A leaflet has been sent home with details of the holiday club being run by Premier Sports during the half-term holidays. Book early to reserve your child's place and receive special offer discounts.



Class Attendance

Reception	- 99.57%
Year 1	- 96.17%
Year 2	- 97.53%
Year 3	- 99.26%
Year 4	- 99.26%
Year 5	- 98.57%
Year 6	- 97.78%

A big 'Well Done' to the children in Reception who had a class attendance of 99.57%.



Premier Sports Clubs

Letters have been sent home to those children who have been given places on next terms clubs. Please make sure that payment is sent into school with the slip as we have children on a waiting list who want places on some of the clubs.



Thought for the Weekend

Worrying is carrying tomorrow's load with today's strength - carrying two days at once. It is moving into tomorrow ahead of time. Worrying doesn't empty tomorrow of its sorrow, but it empties today of its strength.

Morning Tea

Mrs Hymers spent a lovely morning chatting to children from our Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 departments. The children had lots to say and as usual were very keen to share their views with her. Katie told the group that she was going to Wales with her cousins and that she was looking forward to using the hot tub and sleeping in a secret room! Mrs Hymers asked her what she would do if she opened the secret door to find Mrs Hymers asleep in the bed. Katie said that she would love Mrs Hymers to be there - so watch out Weeks family - you may just have an extra guest! Liam and Abbie have a busy weekend ahead of them. Abbie is taking part in a swimming competition (freestyle is her favourite stroke) and Liam is taking part in a Karate competition. Good luck to both of the children. James is playing football for Billinge at the weekend and he is also looking forward to going to Beaver Camp. Ella is going swimming, Isobel is having a sleepover with a friend from home, whilst Lucas is 'chillin' at home. Maths was a popular choice for favourite lesson with Isobel, Ella and Maisy and Liam enjoys P.E the best. Maisy and Liam are looking forward to PGL - Maisy has even packed!

Our Key Stage One children enjoyed talking about school. They all enjoy coming school although Saskia doesn't like getting up. Joseph and Kaitlyn enjoy making a mess, but don't like tidying up afterwards! Roman is enjoying finding out about Blackpool and CJ enjoys Maths. Eleanor just enjoys everything about school 😊

Mrs Hymers was also very interested to hear about the children's pets - especially Kaitlyn's dog Bella and Roman's colourful parrot.



