



St. Mary's News

9th June 2017



Welcome Back

Welcome back to our final half term of the academic year. We can't believe how quickly the year is passing. We have an extremely busy half-term ahead of us with First Holy Communion, Arts and Music Week, PGL, Leavers' Mass, Leavers' Assembly and taster days in our new classes all to come. Keep up to date with all that is happening via our new school website. (www.btsm.co.uk)



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 (dance workshops, musical workshops and cooking activities) we are asking for a £3.00 contribution per child. This cost has been subsidised by the PTFA. (Many thanks J) Money can be sent in via your child's class teacher. We ask that all money be paid by Friday 16th June (next Friday).



Sports Day

Sports day has been rearranged for Monday 3rd July (and Thursday 6th July as back up should we need it). 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.



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.



PGL

The annual PGL residential holiday will take place from Wed 28th June to Fri 30th June and our Y6 children are getting very excited about the prospect of time away without their parents. All information has already been sent home via a very detailed letter. If parents have any further questions, please pop in to see Mrs. Hymers.



First Holy Communion

Our children will be making their First Holy Communion on Saturday 17th June. A letter has been sent home tonight outlining the day and confirming arrangements. Please make sure that your child passes it on to you.



Football Result

As some of you may have already read in my headteacher blog last week our Y5/6 football team played their opening league game on Friday 26th May against St. Aidan's Primary School. On what was a scorching hot afternoon, the boys played exceptionally well - running the length and breadth of the pitch - and their team spirit was excellent. The final score was 5-0 to St. Mary's - it was a well-deserved victory. It was lovely to see the boys win, but I was more impressed by the way that they supported each other and worked together. Well done boys!



Football Fixtures

Two football fixtures have been arranged for next week:

Thursday 15th June after school

Friday 16th June after school

Teams will be chosen and letters will be sent home next week.

Bags2School

The Bag2School bags have been sent home tonight and will be collected at 9.00am Monday 10th July. Please save any unwanted clothes for this great fundraiser. The bags can be brought in to school on Monday, 20th October.



Billinge Walk of Witness

The annual Billinge Walk of Witness takes place on Sunday 25th June and we are inviting our children and their families to walk with us in order to represent the school. In previous years numbers have been quite low. We would especially like our Y4 children to join us in the procession as they always look lovely in their communion outfits and it is the perfect opportunity to wear them for a second time. Our Y4 children are also invited to carry the banner. If you are able to join us on that afternoon we are meeting at St. Aidan's at 1.50pm. We will then walk down Main Street to St. Mary's where there will be a short service. We would really appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you then.



Thought for the Weekend

The best place to find a helping hand is at the end of your own arm. You have 2 hands - one to help yourself and the second to help others.

Tea@2

It was an extremely chatty Tea@2 today and the children were keen to share their thoughts and ideas with Mrs Hymers. Her guests today were Emilia (Rec), Oliver (Y1), Molly (Y2), Ava M (Y3), Joshua L (Y4), Ben F (Y5) and Holly (Y6). The children had lots of lovely things to say about school. Molly loves how the school gets along and Emilia loves learning about Jesus. Joshua never wakes up in the morning and thinks, 'Oh no it's a school day!' Ava says that she enjoys coming to school because Miss Barnes puts lots of effort into making her classroom look really nice. All of the children said the new play equipment made school more fun and they all agreed that Tea@2 was a great idea. Ben really enjoys all of the different clubs that are being run and says this makes our school even better than it was. The children talked about their favourite authors and David Walliams was a popular choice. When talking about favourite subjects art was the choice of Holly and Molly, whilst Oliver enjoys learning about the past in History and Joshua enjoys all the different types of writing you do in Literacy. Several of the children have a very busy weekend ahead of them. Emilia is going to swimming, whilst Ben is going to judo. Joshua is having a Bubble Football party and sleepover and Holly is having a sleepover at the caravan with Charlotte. Watch out girls as you may have an extra visitor over the weekend. Mrs Hymers loves Wales - although Bubble Football sounds great fun too - so watch out boys!



Dates For Your Diary

It is going to be very busy when we come back after the half-term break. Please make sure you take note of the following dates:

Sat 17th June - First Holy Communion

Mon 19th June - Arts & Music week

Sun 25th June - Walk of Witness

Mon 26th June - Y2 Trip

Wed 28th June - Y6 go to PGL

Thurs 29th June - Going Forth Mass for Communion children & picnic.

Mon 3rd July - Sports Day (1)

Thurs 6th July - Sports Day (2)

Fri 7th July - Summer Fayre 3.30pm

Thurs 13th July - Leavers Mass 6.30pm in Church

Fri 14th July - Reports go home

Mon 17th July - Charlotte's Web

Tues 18th July - Y1 Trip

Fri 21st July - Leavers' assembly

Fri 21st July - School closes for the Summer



Summer Fayre

This years Summer Fayre is on Friday, 7th July at 3.30pm. We will be having 3 non-uniform days:

Thursday 15th June for donations of bottles

Thursday 22nd June for donations of toiletries

Monday 3rd July for donations of good quality teddies.

Donations of raffle prizes would be very welcome. We are also asking for donations of old school uniform (with St Mary's, Birchley on).



