



# St. Mary's News

## 23rd June 2017



### Billinge Walk of Witness

The annual Billinge Walk of Witness takes place this Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 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. If your child is coming along to walk with us, can we please ask that they wear their school uniform. We would really appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you then. Many thanks.

## COME JOIN US

### Arts Week

What a fantastic week we have all had travelling around the world. There has been a lovely 'buzz' around school and the children have been keen to share their work with Mrs Hymers when she dropped by for a short visit.

In the space of a week she has paddled in a pool in Spain (where one of the Reception children told her that she was far too busy to paddle in their pool and suggested she went back to her office to work; discovered Rangoli patterns in India; made and ate pancakes in the good old US of A; watched a little bit of Kung Fu dancing and explored Japanese art; found out lots of interesting facts about Kenya and played African drums; painted carnival masks in Brazil and made rain makers and boomerangs in Australia. She has also learned how to play the pan pipes and a didgeridoo!

Mrs Hymers tells us that she is absolutely exhausted after all of her travels and is looking forward to putting her feet up at the weekend. (Well until the Walk of Witness!)

A big shout out to Mrs Taylor and Mrs Williamson for all of their hard work in making our Arts Week such a success.

Look out for a new themed week next year.



### PGL

The excitement is building with less than a week to go before we set off on our adventure holiday. 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.



### Summer Holiday Club

Our summer holiday club will run for the first four weeks of the summer holidays. Further details will follow.



### School Payments

In line with recommendations given, following a finance audit, we can no longer accept one cheque as payment for multiple things e.g. dinner money, toast and clubs. School must now be given a separate cheque for each payment e.g. a cheque for dinner money; a cheque for toast money etc.

In order to make payments easier, don't forget that you can now pay for dinner money using an online payment system. Simply visit [www.sthelens.gov.uk/PPS](http://www.sthelens.gov.uk/PPS) and click 'Register a new account' to begin the process or speak to Paula in the school office.

Payments



## Summer Fayre

This year's Summer Fayre is on Friday, 7th July at 3.30pm. We will be having 1 last non-uniform days on 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).

If anyone works for a bank who match funds the PTFA would be very interested in speaking to you.



## Going Forth Mass

On Thursday, 29th June, our Year 4 children will be celebrating their First Communion in a Go Forth Mass. The Mass will start at 11.30am and weather permitting will be outdoors on the Junior Playground. The children in Year 4 are more than welcome to bring their First Communion outfits into school to get changed into before the Mass.

Following the Mass at 12.30–1.30pm family are invited to stay on the school site to have an outdoor picnic with their children. (If wet we will eat in the halls).

Come along with a picnic blanket and chairs and join us in our Communion Celebration.



## Dates For Your Diary

Please make sure you take note of the following dates:

Sun 25th June - Walk of Witness

Mon 26th June - Y2 Trip to Knowsley Safari Park

Wed 28th June - Y6 go to PGL

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

**Everyone welcome to attend the Mass and picnic.**

Mon 3rd July - Sports Day (1)

Wed 5th July - Reception trip to Maritime Museum

Thurs 6th July - Sports Day (2)

Fri 7th July - Summer Fayre 3.30pm in school

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 to Greenslate Farm

Fri 21st July - Leavers' assembly

Fri 21st July - School closes for the Summer



## 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 10th July.



## Thought for the Weekend



Life is like a mirror: It will smile at you if you smile at it.





