



St. Mary's News

15th September 2017



Bucket Filling

Mrs Hymers introduced the idea of 'Bucket Filling' to the children in assembly on Monday. She told the children that everyone in the world carries a bucket around with them. The buckets are invisible - but they are there. We feel happy when our buckets are full and unhappy when they are empty.

Our buckets are filled by others being kind to us and by us being kind to others.

We empty other people's buckets and our own buckets when we are unkind to others. We call this bucket dipping.

She has challenged the children to fill as many buckets as they can throughout each day. Children who fill buckets are rewarded in class and every term we will recognise those children who have filled the most buckets.

Every week on the newsletter, Mrs Hymers will mention a couple of children who have tried hard to fill other people's buckets.

Our bucket filling children this week are:



Joshua from Y2 - Joshua has been kind to everyone throughout the week. He has sorted out the water bottles in Y2 (without being asked to) and held the door open for Mrs Talbot-Davies.

Dylan from Y6 - Dylan very kindly lent his pumps to one of his classmates when their shoes were broken.

Well done boys. We're proud of you.

Picking Children Up from School

Can we please remind everyone that the small car park behind the club is not to be used by parents dropping off and picking up their children from school. Our children walk across this area and it is for their safety that we ask you to use the main car park.

Can we also remind parents of our procedures for collecting children from school.

Letters must be sent into school detailing who will be collecting your child/children when you are unable to do so. These letters will be kept in your child's class and referred to when staff are dismissing at the end of the day. Letters do not need to be written every week if long standing arrangements for the year are in place. Amendments can be added when needed. Children in the Juniors can have a note placed in their diaries for the teachers to see.

These procedures are in place to ensure that your children are safe. Staff will not let your child go with other adults without prior permission from yourselves. We apologise if this causes any inconvenience to yourselves, but your children's welfare and safety is our primary concern.



Whole School Photographs

Advanced notice: Whole school photographs will be taken on Tuesday 26th September. Individual and family photographs will be taken on that day. If you have a younger child, who is not in school, you can nip into the Infant Hall just before school and have a family photograph taken then.



First Holy Communion Meeting - Parents' Meeting

There will be a parents only meeting on Thursday 21st September at 6.00pm in the Infant Hall for parents of children intending to make their Holy Communion this academic year. (Catholic children in Y4 and any other Catholic children from Y5/6 who has not yet made their First Communion, but would like to do so.)

Future meetings/activity sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings throughout the year and will include your child. The first of these meetings will be on Wednesday 27th September at 6.00pm.



Choir

We were amazed by the number of children who came to choir last night - all of whom were keen to sing and they had a lovely evening. Choir is now full, so unfortunately we will not be able to accommodate any further children until vacancies become available.



Mr McMinn's Football

Mr McMinn will begin his football sessions on Monday. Key Stage 2 sessions will remain on a Monday evening and Y1/Y2 football sessions will stay on Thursday lunchtime. The cost of the 5 week block for this half term is £20.00. Cheques need to be made payable to Ian McMinn and NOT school.



Tea@2

Tea@2 will begin again on Friday 22nd September. Work hard children and one of the first invites of the year may come your way. Invites will be given to children who are living out our core values and who are trying hard to walk in Jesus' footsteps.



Top Trumps

Our new 'Top Trumps' Club has now started on Tuesday lunchtimes 1.00—1.30pm in Year 6 with Mrs Hankin. All the children in KS2 are welcome to go along.



Year 1

Year 1 class are looking for donations of car mats, dressing up clothes and matchbox cars.

If you can help with any of the items they can be left either at the school office or with the Class-teacher.



Year Six Parents' Meeting

Thank you to all of the Y6 parents who attended the information evening on Wednesday. We hope that you found it really useful. Please remember that if you have any questions about applying to high school Mrs Hymers is more than happy to chat with you, either before or after school.

WELCOME
TO YEAR 6!

Guitars and Recorders

Mrs Connelly will start her Y4/5/6 guitar group again on Thursday 21st of September.

Y2 recorders and Y3 guitars will begin at a later date. Further details to follow.



Class Attendance

Reception	- 100%
Year 1	- 97.24%
Year 2	- 96.55%
Year 3	- 96.67%
Year 4	- 97.33%
Year 5	- 97.11%
Year 6	- 98.71%

A big 'Well Done' to the children in Reception who has a class attendance of 100% for this week.

Payments Due This Term

Please make sure that if your child has been offered a place on one of the sports clubs that payment of £9 per club has been made to the office by Monday to secure their place.

Dinner Money £11.50 per week or £78.20 up to the October half term.

Milk for Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 children £6 Levy £10 per family

Reception Snacks £10.20 up to the October half term

KS2 toast £6.80 up to the October half term

Please make cheques payable to St Helens Council.

Passport to the Park

A new reward system will begin next week in the Juniors. It is called Passport to the Park. Every Junior child will receive a passport containing five stars and a list of school rules. The aim of the reward system is to have all five stickers in place by the end of each term. If they do, then the children will be able to go the park on the last Friday of term as a treat. The children will also be able to have an ice-cream from the Ice-Cream Parlour, although this would have to be paid for by yourselves as school is unable to fund this.

A child will lose a star if, after a warning, they do not follow one of the rules. This star can be earned back if a child tries really hard to follow the rules.



Upcoming P.T.F.A. Events

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon is on Thursday, 28th September 3-4.30pm. Please come along and help raise money for this very worthy cause.



Halloween Disco

This year's Halloween Disco is on Friday 20th October. Details about ticket sales etc will be given nearer the time.



Premier Sports

We still have a few places for KS2 children on Athletics (Wednesday 7.45-8.45am) and Hockey (Friday 7.45-8.45am). Please speak to the school office if you would like your child to take part in either of the clubs.



House Points

	<u>Infants</u>	<u>Juniors</u>
Matthew	Deacon	Harry
Mark	Jacob	Jake
Luke	Bronagh	Joseph
John	Joshua	Lexi

The overall winners were Deacon and Jacob (Y2) and Joseph (Y5) Well done everyone!

House Points

Infant Reward

The Infant children have also started an additional reward system linked to the House Points. Ten children from each Infant class, with the most House Points over the term, will be able to have an afternoon of fun and games on the last Friday of each term.



Children's Liturgy

A message from Father Bernard

We have a very good Children's Liturgy at 11am Mass on Sundays. Three teams take it in turns to lead the Infants and Juniors separately. Please bring your children to Mass and let them experience Children's Liturgy for themselves. It would be lovely to see more of our families.



Holiday Club - Advance Notice

School will be holding their usual half-term holiday club during the October half-term. Further information will follow. Remember by booking online and using the discount codes great saving can be made. Details of future holiday clubs will appear on future newsletters



Stay and Pray

Our Reception families are warmly invited to join their children in our first Stay and Pray time on Monday morning at 9.00am -9.15am. This will be a wonderful opportunity to join us in welcoming your child to our St. Mary's family and we look forward to seeing you there.



Good Work

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

- Year 1 - Isabelle
- Year 2 - Sofia
- Year 3 - Haydn
- Year 4 - Aaron
- Year 5 - Joseph
- Year 6 - Ellouise

Well done everyone!



