



St. Mary's News

22nd September 2017



Bucket Filling

The children are all trying really hard to fill buckets and there have been many examples this week of children who have been kind, helpful, polite and respectful. Keep up the good work children. School is a lovely place to be because of all of your efforts.

Our bucket filling children this week are:



Myla (Y4) Myla recognised that one of her classmates was feeling sad as she had been left out of a game. Myla spoke to Mrs Hymers who was able to speak to the children and sort things out so that everyone was included. WELL DONE Myla. You certainly filled a bucket this week.

Emilia (Y1) Emilia always praises other children's achievements. She is the first to congratulate them in assembly if they win an award and she is genuinely very happy at their success. Emilia is also kind to others. Well done Emilia. You have filled lots of buckets this week.

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.



ABC Club

Please note that the cost of ABC's morning session will increase from £3.80 to £4.00 after the October half term. We are having to raise the cost slightly to cover the earlier opening times (7.30am - 9.00am). After School Club fees will remain the same.



We're Going Paperless

After October half term we are going paperless with our newsletter. A few copies will still be available from the school's reception area and in Church for those of you unable to access the newsletter on line.



Year Five Parents' Meeting

There will be a short Y5 Parents' Meeting on Monday 2nd October at 5.30pm in the Infant Hall. This meeting is to outline the year ahead for our Year 5 children. Please come along as we are sure that you will find it very useful.



Class Attendance

Reception	-	96.19%
Year 1	-	94.58%
Year 2	-	99.49%
Year 3	-	100%
Year 4	-	94.29%
Year 5	-	92.86%
Year 6	-	99.08%

A big 'Well Done' to the children in Year 3 who have a class attendance of 100% for this week.



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



Good Work

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

- Year 1 - Jacob
 - Year 2 - Gabriella
 - Year 3 - Maya
 - Year 4 - Ewan
 - Year 5 - Travis
 - Year 6 - Emily
- Well done everyone!



Mr McMinn's Football

Mr McMinn has now started his football training sessions. Key Stage 2 sessions are on a Monday after school and there are still places available and Y1/Y2 football sessions are on a 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.



Choir

We are amazed by the number of children who are coming to choir. Choir is now full, so unfortunately we will not be able to accommodate any further children until vacancies become available.



Guitars and Recorders

Unfortunately Mrs Connolly is unable to start recorder and guitar lessons at the moment. She is hoping to resume lessons again in the near future. We will let you know when dates are confirmed.



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.



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.



House Points

Infants

Matthew Gabriella
Mark Emily
Luke Sofia
John Max

Juniors

George
Jake
Maya
Lucy

The overall winners were Sofia (Y2) George (Y3). Well done everyone!

House Points

Coffee and Tea with the SLT

On Monday the 9th October the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) will be hosting their first **Coffee and Tea with the SLT** from 9-10am. Why not drop in and have a cuppa, a biscuit and a chat with Mrs Hymers, Mrs Talbot-Davies and Mrs Hrabowenskyj. The SLT are looking forward to chatting with you about school life. Let them know what we are doing well and as always they are keen to hear any suggestions as to how we can make the school even better!



Diary of Events

w/c 25th Sept 17 - British Values Week
26th Sept 17 - School Photographs
27th Sept 17 - Holy Communion meeting at Church
w/c 2nd Oct 17 - Poetry Week
6th Oct 17 - Harvest Assembly KS1
w/c 9th Oct 17 - Judaism Week
11th Oct 17 - Open afternoon/Parents evening
w/c 16th Oct 17 - Hinduism Week
16th Oct 17 - E-Safety Assembly
18th Oct 17 - Open afternoon/Parents evening
20th Oct 17 - Finish for half term break
31st Oct 17 - School reopens for the children
1st Nov 17 - Holy Communion meeting in school
w/c 6th Nov 17 - Calculation Workshops
7th Nov 17 - Y1, Y3 & Y6 visit to Liverpool Cathedral
w/c 13th Nov 17 - Anti-bullying week
20th Nov 17 - Anti-bullying assembly KS2
21st Nov 17 - Flu spray Rec - Year 4
22nd Nov 17 - Holy Communion meeting in school
24th Nov 17 - Christmas Fair

Stay and Pray

We had our first Stay and Pray session this week with our Reception families. It was a lovely occasion as we welcomed our new children into our school and parish family. The children lit a candle to remember that they are walking in the light of Jesus and they added their own photographs to their prayer on top of our school badge to remind them that they are part our school and parish family.



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.

PLEASE
HELP!

12th Dec 17 - Infant Christmas Play
13th Dec 17 - Infant Christmas Play
Junior Christmas Play
19th Dec 17 - Christmas Pantomime
20th Dec 17 - Christmas Celebration in Church
21st Dec 17 - Reception Christmas Play
22nd Dec 17 - School closes for Christmas



Stay and Pray

We would like to invite our parents and other carers who drop off their children in a morning to stay and celebrate morning worship in class with their child. This is not an assembly or a class mass just an opportunity to spend 5 or 10 minutes in prayer with your child in their classroom of a morning. The dates for each class are:

Thursday 2nd November	Year 2
Wednesday 6th December	Year 1
Tuesday 16th January	Year 5
Thursday 22nd February	Year 6
Tuesday 13th March	Year 4

Tea@2

Mrs Hymers welcomed her first Tea@2 guests today. The children were very excited to have been chosen and they were all keen to talk about school life with Mrs Hymers. Guests this week were Rebecca (Y6), Ella (Y5), Lila (Y4), Oliver (Y3), Kiera (Y2), Charlie (Y1) and Grace (R)

Mrs Hymers discovered that they had all had a busy summer. Rebecca had attended a dance festival and won! Well done Rebecca. Oliver went to Turkey and said it was very hot and didn't rain once. Grace told her that she is going to Turkey in the holidays and that she is going to wear Maddison's life jacket as she doesn't know how to swim without arm bands yet. Lila visited a farm and went into a meerkat enclosure. She let the meerkats crawl all over her! Ella went to Spain and went fishing on a boat and even saw dolphins. Charlie and Kiera went camping and had a great time.

All of the children said that they enjoy coming to school and are happy in their new classes. The junior children are enjoying their new topic based curriculum whilst in the infants Charlie likes playing on the iPad, Kiera enjoys doing joined up writing and Grace likes playing with the toys in the home corner.

The children asked about having new toys for the playgrounds. They suggested skipping ropes, footballs and bats and balls. Mrs Hymers said that she would have a look through some catalogues.

The children all had lovely manners.

