



St. Mary's News

29th September 2017



McMillan Coffee Morning/Afternoon

A big thank you to everyone who supported our McMillan Coffee Morning/Afternoon yesterday. Without your kind donations of cakes or your support at the event it wouldn't have been so successful. We raised a fantastic £310.

A big thank you to the PTFA and staff who gave up their time to help set up and run the event.

A special mention to the choir, Mrs Taylor and Miss Davies. Your passion and love of singing really shone through. It was lovely to hear you sing children. You clearly enjoy being members of our school choir.

More pictures on website



Harvest Gifts

Next Friday, 6th October, we will be celebrating our Harvest Festival. All of the children are invited to bring donations of tinned/dried/packet food to celebrate the Harvest. These gifts can be brought into school on the Friday morning. The gifts will then be taken over to Church where they will be displayed at Mass and then later distributed to local food banks or refuges.



Harvest Assembly

We would like to invite the families of our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children to our Harvest Celebration Assembly next Friday morning (6th October) at half past nine in the Infant Hall. The assembly will last approximately half an hour and we know that the children are really looking forward to sharing their work with you.

Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings will take place on Wed 11th and Wed 18th October from 3.40pm - 6.20pm. Appointment slips are on the bottom of the newsletter. Please select your chosen day and time slot and then return the slips to the office. Appointment slips will be returned to you to confirm appointment times.

Please note that Parents' Evenings are for adults only. If you are unable to arrange care for your children, they are able to be dropped off at After School Club between the hours of 3.30pm - 5.30pm for a nominal charge of £1 whilst you are meeting the teacher.



Open Afternoon

There will be two open afternoons on Wed 11th and Wed 18th Oct from 2.15pm - 3.15pm. These afternoons are a wonderful opportunity for you to come into school and have a look at your child's work.



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 -	92.86%
Year 1 -	96.55%
Year 2 -	98.98%
Year 3 -	99.49%
Year 4 -	99.52%
Year 5 -	97.14%
Year 6 -	94.93%

Well done to the children in Year 4 who have a class attendance of 99.52% for this week.



Holiday Club - Advance Notice

School will be holding their usual half-term holiday club during the October half-term. Remember by booking online and using the following discount codes great saving can be made.

JG30 - 30% discount for the full week (9-4 pm)

JG20 - 20% discount on any other booking

Please note that the discount codes run out on 15th October so please make sure that you make your booking before then.



Halloween Disco

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



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.



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.

Mr McMinn's Football

There are still places available in Mr McMinn's football group on a Monday evening for any junior child who would like to attend. Please let the school office know if your child would like to join.



Whole School Photographs

The school photographer came to school this week and was really impressed with our smiley children. All photograph proofs will be sent home at a later date with instructions on what you need to do if you would like to buy the photographs.



Toddlers Group at

St Mary's School

Join in the fun at our toddler group for babies to pre-school age on a Wednesday morning 9-11am for just £1.

There is tea and coffee available for parents and juice and biscuits for the children.

There is a large range of suitable toys, crafts, Play Doh, jigsaws and lots more. We also have a sing song at the end.

Everyone is welcome to come along and there is always the chance to make new friends. We look forward to seeing you all.



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!



First Holy Communion Meeting

Thank you to the parents and children who attended the First Holy Communion lesson last night. The next session is on **Wed 1st Nov** at 6pm in school. Further sessions are listed below.

Wed 22nd Nov 6pm in school

Thurs 14th December - The children will make their First Confession in Church at 2.15pm. Families are welcome to attend the service.

Wed 17th Jan 6pm in school

Wed 28th Feb 6pm in school

Wed 21st Mar 6pm in school

Wed 25th Apr 6pm in school

Sat 16th June - Whole Class Communion celebration.

(The children will have made their First Communion prior to this date during a Sunday Mass with their families.)



	Before school	Lunchtime	After school
Monday		Zumba	Football - KS2
Tuesday	Fun fitness	Top Trumps	
Wednesday	Athletics KS2	Rounder's KS2	Athletics Rec & KS1
Thursday	Fun fitness	Football (KS1)	Choir
Friday	Hockey KS2	Tag Rugby Rec & KS1	Tennis KS2

ABC Booking Form

Name of Child(ren) _____ Class _____

Date	Time	Price	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	MON	Sub Total
	7.30 -9.00	£3.80							
	3.30- 4.30	£3.30							
	3.30- 5.30	£6.60							
Total									

Parents' Evening

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Please circle your preferred day and time: Wednesday Thursday

3.40 - 4.30 4.40 - 5.30 5.40 - 6.20

Signed: _____ Parent/Guardian

For school use only Allocated day and time: _____

House Points

Infants

Matthew	Charlie
Mark	Sophie
Luke	Liam
John	Sophia

Juniors

Dylan
Jamie
Keeley
Elisha

The overall winners were Sophia (Y1) and Jamie (Y5). Well done everyone!

House Points

Good Work

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

Year 1 - Adelaide

Year 2 - Deacon

Year 3 - Millie

Year 4 - Georgina

Year 5 - Imogen

Year 6 - Ellie May

Well done everyone!



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.



Diary of Events

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 1

2th Dec 17 - Infant Christmas Play

13th Dec 17 - Infant Christmas Play

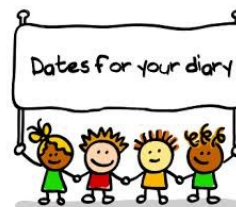
Junior Christmas Play

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



Bucket Filling

Lots of super examples of 'Bucket Filling' this week children. You really are trying hard to think of others.

Our bucket filling children this week are:



Dylan (Y3)

Dylan touched the hearts of PTFA members at the McMillan Coffee Afternoon yesterday when, after winning more than £4, gave it all back - saying that he wanted it to go to help other people. What a wonderful gesture Dylan.

Zoe (Y3)

Zoe very kindly went and held the door open for one of the teachers when they would have struggled to open the door themselves. Lovely manners Zoe.

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 had the pleasure of spending time with Euan (Rec), Jake (Y1), Henry (Y2), Sonny (Y3), Caitlin (Y4), Joe (Y5) and Lucia (Y6) today and what a chatty group they were. The children had lots to say. Conversation ranged from Summer holidays to favourite TV programmes, what they would like for Christmas to how they could make school even better. Caitlin said it would be better if we had even more climbing frames and Henry would like a running track to run around. For Christmas Joe would like a Fitbit, Henry a Quad Bike, Sonny a phone and a Nerf Gun, Caitlin a phone, Jake a tablet, Euan a new car as his old one is broken and Lucia said that she had everything she wanted, so didn't really need anything else. The children all had a busy Summer and visited many different countries like Cuba, Menorca and Turkey. Caitlin luckily got back before the Hurricane struck. The children said that they all enjoy coming to school, which is lovely to hear. Mrs Hymers is looking forward to spending time with more children next week.



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.

Party Day

On Thursday, 5th October, we are having a 'Party Day' at lunchtime to which anyone who normally has packed lunches is invited to stay for a school dinner. The choices are turkey dinosaurs or vegetarian sausage rolls. If you would like your child to stay on Thursday please let the school office know on Monday morning. There is no charge for any children in Reception, Y1 or Y2 and it is £2.30 for children in Years 3-6.