



St. Mary's News

13th October 2017



Coffee and Tea with the SLT

Thank you to the parents who came along to our first Coffee and Tea with the SLT on Monday morning. Mrs Hymers, Mrs Talbot-Davies and Mrs Hrabowenskyj really enjoyed chatting with you and it was lovely to hear your positive comments about our school. You had some super ideas about how to make our school even better - two of which - will be introduced this academic year.

The first suggestion was that we acknowledge the children who have been selected as Lunchtime Stars of the Week, rather than just putting their names on the newsletter, as some children are unaware that they have been chosen. So, starting next week our Lunchtime Stars of the Week will receive a certificate during Friday's Good Work Assembly.

The second suggestion was that we hold Welcome to Year * Parent Meetings at the beginning of the new academic year, for all parents rather than just for Y5 and Y6 parents. The SLT agreed that this was an excellent idea as it would enable parents to meet their child's new teacher and it would also enable the new teacher to go through new class routines and curriculum expectations. We have decided to hold these meetings at the end of each academic year, rather than at the beginning of the new school year, as it would enable parents and children to prepare for the new school year, rather than still being unsure in September. The SLT think that this would be particularly useful for the parents of children moving from Rec to Y1 (with its more structured curriculum) and for the parents of children moving from Y2 to Y3 (with the introduction of the diary system and Tracksuit Friday).

Dates for these Meet the Teacher meetings will be confirmed at the beginning of the Summer Term.

Our Spring Term Coffee and Tea with the SLT will take place on Monday 12th March at 2.30pm - 3.30pm.



First Aid Workshop

Our Year 6 children will be taking part in a First Aid Workshop on Thursday 19th October. We are certain that the children will enjoy the afternoon and that they will gain some really invaluable skills that may one day come in very useful.



Open Afternoon

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



E-Safety Assembly

There will be an E-Safety sharing assembly on Monday 16th October at 2.30pm for the families of our Junior children. (Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6).



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.



Parents' Evenings

Thank you to the parents who attended our first parents' evening on Wed 11th October. We hope that you enjoyed having the opportunity to chat with your child's teacher and to look at their wonderful books.

We are looking forward to meeting the rest of our parents next Wed 18th October.

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 a final open afternoon on Wed 18th Oct from 2.15pm - 3.15pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to come into school and have a look at your child's work.



Halloween Disco

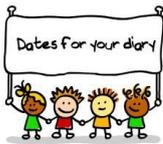
SOLD OUT

All the tickets for this year's Halloween Disco have now been sold.



Diary of Events

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
7th Nov 17 - Y1/3/6 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



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
Thursday 17th May	Year 3

Let's
Pray!

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.



Good Work

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

Year 1 - Emilia
Year 2 - Sofia
Year 3 - Molly
Year 4 - James
Year 5 - Oliver, Ruby & Thomas
Year 6 - Emily
Well done everyone!



October Holiday Club

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.



Class Attendance

Reception	- 100%
Year 1	- 96.55%
Year 2	- 99.21%
Year 3	- 97.22%
Year 4	- 98.52%
Year 5	- 99.63%
Year 6	- 99.64%

Well done to the children in Reception who have a class attendance of 100% for this week.



Poppy Appeal

Today we have received our annual poppy boxes.

We now have on sale snap bands, friendship bracelets, wristbands, reflectors and poppies. We ask for a minimum donation of £1 for this very worthy cause. Children will take the boxes around next week.



Tea@2

What a chatty group Mrs Hymers had today! (Emily Y6, Ruby Y5, Ewan Y4, Libbie-May Y3, Emily Y2, Evan Y1 and Molly from Rec) There were all very keen to chat and Mrs Hymers found out lots of interesting things. For example, did you know that it is Ewan's mum's birthday on Sunday and that Ewan said he is hoping that they go somewhere posh for a meal? Happy birthday Ewan's mum. Also, did you know that Ruby is going to Benalmadena in the half-term? Mrs Hymers knows Benalmadena really well as she's visited there lots of time - but don't worry Ruby - she won't be there in half-term as she's off to Tenerife.

The children talked lots about school life and they all had positive things to say. Molly really enjoys playing outside with her friend Ruby; Ewan loves the Arithmetic tests; Emily from Y2 loves beating the timer in Numeracy; Emily from Y6 likes the teachers; Libbie-May loves the new furniture that arrived in Y3 this week; Ruby is enjoying her class story book - There's a Viking in My Bed and Evan just loves the sport -especially tag rugby.

The children moved on to chat about Christmas and Mrs Hymers thinks that Father Christmas is going to be very busy this year. Both Emily and Evan want new bikes; Emily from Y6 would like a sewing machine and Smiggles stationery; Molly would like Peppa Pig toys; Ruby would like a computer and a Build a Bear; Ewan would like more Lego and some Xbox games and Libbie-May wants some more Roald Dahl books. Keep on being good children and we're certain that you'll have a lovely Christmas full of super surprises.



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

Sports Clubs

Our new sporting clubs will begin after the October half term. The clubs will start on Wednesday 1st November until week commencing 11th December (7 weeks) and will cost £10.50. The activities are:

Archery KS2 Wednesday 7.45-8.45am

Dodgeball KS2 Wednesday 12.30-1.30pm

Dodgeball Reception & KS1 Wednesday 3.30-4.30pm

Basketball KS2 Friday 7.45-8.45am

Basketball Reception & KS1 Friday 12.50-1.50pm

Handball KS2 Friday 3.30-4.30pm

If your child has been offered a place on any of the activities could you please send the money into school as soon as possible.

School Council News

Our school elections have taken place over the last couple of weeks to elect a new school council for this academic year. A big well done to the following children who were chosen to represent their class.

Chair - Ellie Vice-Chair - Abbie Treasurer - Ethan Secretary - Tillie

Y6 - Ellie May & Ben

Y5 - Imogen & Joseph

Y4 - Jamie & Ava

Y3 - Elizabeth & Ben



Transforming our Town - A report by Ellie & Ben

When people think of St Helens town centre they think: boring, dirty, rubbish, horrible and a disgrace. But not for long ... Last Monday, we went to the town hall with Mrs Hankin. All of the schools in St Helens were there to find out what is going to happen to the town centre.

Did you know that St Helens created the railways and is known for glass production at Pilkingtons? Did you know that Carley Stenson - the famous actress - is from St Helens and also came to our school and Mrs Hymers taught her! Did you also know that Lily Parr (a famous female footballer from St Helens) dressed up as a boy to get into the boys' football team because she was such a good footballer?

We want to make St Helens great again.

At the presentation at the Town Hall we found out that near the linkway there will be a New BOWLING ALLEY!!! Also, the town centre will have a huge shopping centre. The canals will also be regenerated and there will be a new arts and culture centre.

We had a very interesting morning finding out about the past of St Helens and how it is going to transform over the next 10 years.



House Points

	<u>Infants</u>	<u>Juniors</u>
Matthew	Olivia	Ella
Mark	Harriet	Erin
Luke	Adelaide	Phoebe
John	Christopher	Haydn

The overall winners were Harriet (Y1) & Phoebe (Y6).

Well done everyone!

House Points

PAYMENT DUE

Thought for the Weekend

Thought for the Weekend returns this week as one of the children told Mrs Hymers that she missed reading it.



Speak in such a way that others love to **listen** to you.
Listen in such a way that others love to **speak** to you.

