



# St. Mary's News

## 20th October 2017



### Half Term

We can't believe how quickly half term has come around and what a lot we have fitted in - from our Core Values and British Values Week to Judaism and Hinduism. From our Poetry, Harvest and E-Safety Assemblies to Parents' Evenings - it's no wonder that we are all tired and looking forward to a rest. I'd like to thank you all for your continued support over the last half term and for all of your positive comments about school life.

Enjoy the break and children you need to get plenty of rest as we've another busy term ahead with trips to the Cathedral; Christmas Plays; Carol Services; Y4's Service of Reconciliation and a Christmas Pantomime to name but a few of our upcoming events.

Keep up to date with all of our news and upcoming events by reading our online newsletter.



### Goodbye and Welcome Back

We say goodbye (temporarily) to Mrs Ryan today as she begins her maternity leave. We are really grateful for all of her hard work in Y4 over the last half-term and we know that the children have really enjoyed having her as their teacher. We have told her to put her feet up and enjoy the rest before baby Ryan arrives. We will let you know when the baby is born.

We also say a big welcome back to Mrs Cotterill who returns to teach the Y4 class after the October half-term. We know that she is really looking forward to teaching the children in Y4 as they were her class in Y3 before she left to have baby Alex. Mrs Cotterill will teach Y4 from Mon-Thurs each week. Miss Barnes will teach Y4 on Fridays.



### We're Going Paperless

This will be the final newsletter that will be sent home with your child/ren as after half-term we are going paperless. 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. To find the newsletter simply log on to [www.bstm.co.uk](http://www.bstm.co.uk) and click on the newsletter tab. Whilst you're on the website, why not take the time to read our class blogs and scroll through our class pages. We're sure that you will enjoy reading about all of the things that we get up to in school. There are also lots of photographs for you to look through.



### Parents' Evenings

Thank you to the parents who attended our final parents' evening of the Autumn Term. We hope that you enjoyed having the opportunity to chat with your child's teacher and to look at their wonderful books.

A big thank you too to the staff who worked very late over the two evenings. They enjoyed meeting you all and are looking forward to your support over the rest of the year.

**THANK  
YOU!**

### Secondary Applications

Can we please remind Year 6 parents that the closing date for secondary applications is Tuesday 31st October. Please make sure that the Faith Form has been returned to St Peter's and any other Catholic High School that you have applied to.



### Halloween Disco

Thank you to everyone who has bought a ticket for this very popular event tonight. Please remember that you must have a ticket and that there must be no unaccompanied children. Have a great night.

**SOLD OUT**

### RE Monitoring Visit

We had our RE monitoring visit this week to check that we are still on track to maintain our Outstanding status. The inspector was very impressed with our wonderful school. She thought that the children were amazing and said their books were among the best she had seen. She was also very impressed with the teachers and the fantastic activities and tasks that she saw. The inspector thought that the children were very respectful during prayer time and she was touched by the children's prayers and comments. She also commented very positively upon Mrs Talbot-Davies' hard work as R.E. subject leader.

As headteacher, I was immensely proud of my children and staff. They definitely shone throughout the day and it was lovely to hear all of the positive comments - but if I'm honest - the inspector didn't really tell me anything that I didn't already know. St. Mary's truly is a special learning community where everyone is valued and everyone is encouraged to be the best they can be. I feel extremely privileged being the headteacher here.



### E-Safety Assembly

Many thanks to all of our families who attended our Key Stage 2 E-Safety Assembly. Feedback was very positive and everyone agreed, that in our world of advancing technologies, it is more important than ever that our children know how to stay safe online.

Here are a few interesting (and rather worrying) facts to share with you. We know that some of our families who came to the assembly were a little worried about what they heard.

42% of our Key Stage 2 children (Y3-Y6) have a personal phone with internet access.

81% have their own personal computer/laptop/iPad with internet access.

21% have their own Facebook or Twitter accounts - yet the legal age to have an account is 13! None of our children are 13!

59% use Snapchat and Instagram - yet again you are supposed to be 13 to register. Again - our oldest children are only 11!

Perhaps even more frightening is the fact that 42% have spoken to people online that they do not know - mainly through gaming like Roblox and Rocket League and others through Snapchat, Instagram, Twitter and Facebook.

Can we please ask that you reinforce the message of staying safe whilst online. The children know the SMART rules - yet many appear not to be following them.



### Stay and Pray

Our Year 2 families are warmly invited to join their children in our second Stay and Pray time on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 9.00am-9.15am. This will be a wonderful opportunity to join us in prayer with your children and we look forward to seeing you there.



### 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.



### Visit to Liverpool Cathedral

The children in classes Year 1, Year 3 and Year 6 are going to visit the Cathedral of Christ the King in Liverpool on Tuesday, 7th November. This is part of wider school celebration to mark the Golden Jubilee of the cathedral and see at first hand the beauty and magnificence of this special place. Can we please ask that the consent for and contribution be sent into school as soon as possible.



### First Aid Workshop

Our Year 6 children took part in a First Aid Workshop yesterday and they found the afternoon to be very informative. Look out for photographs on the website.



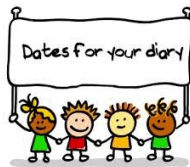
### October Holiday Club

School will be holding their usual half-term holiday club during the October half-term. If you haven't already booked online don't worry as you can still drop in on the day.



### Diary of Events

- 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
- 12th Dec 17 - Infant Christmas Play
- 13th Dec 17 - Infant Christmas Play  
Junior Christmas Play 2.00 & 7.00pm
- 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



### Class Attendance

- Reception - 99.63%
- Year 1 - 96.17%
- Year 2 - 100%
- Year 3 - 99.60%
- Year 4 - 98.89%
- Year 5 - 97.04%
- Year 6 - 96.06%

Well done to the children in Year 2 who have a class attendance of 100% for this week.



### Good Work

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

- Year 1 - Sophia
  - Year 2 - Joshua
  - Year 3 - Lily & Oliver
  - Year 4 - Ava
  - Year 5 - Joshua
  - Year 6 - Anya
- Well done everyone!



### Lunchtime Stars

Congratulations to the following children who have been chosen as our lunchtime stars for this week:

- Reception - Andrew
- Year 1 - Sophie
- Year 2 - Jacob
- Year 3 - Molly
- Year 4 - Thomas
- Year 5 - Joshua
- Year 6 - Ben



### House Points

#### Infants

- Matthew** Michael
- Mark** Poppy
- Luke** Luca
- John** Sophia

#### Juniors

- Dylan & Ella
- Lucas
- Kate
- Ava & Oliver

The overall winners were Poppy (Y2) & Kate (Y5).  
Well done everyone!

## House Points

### Clubs/Activities timetable for next half-term

	Before school	Lunchtime	After school
Monday		Zumba	Football - KS2
Tuesday	Fun fitness	Top Trumps	
Wednesday	Archery KS2	Dodgeball KS2	Dodgeball Rec & KS1
Thursday	Fun fitness	Football (KS1)	Choir
Friday	Basketball KS2	Basketball Rec & KS1	Handball KS2



## Tea@2

Mrs Hymers' final Tea@2 guests for the half-term were Brooke (Rec), Christopher from Y1, Jacob BP (Y2), Lottie (Y3), Myla (Y4), Imogen (Y5) and Mia from Y6. They all said that they were very happy in school and that they felt safe - which was lovely to hear. Brook enjoys playing in the kitchen with Mia. They make cakes. Christopher enjoys doing Maths and Jacob enjoys football with Mr. McMinn. He wants to play in goal for the school team one day. In the Juniors, Lottie enjoys Religion; Myla loves playing with her friends and both Imogen and Mia enjoy Literacy. Mia told the group some interesting facts about our Queen as she has been researching into her life for Y6's biography work. Imogen has enjoyed reading *There's A Viking In My Bed*. The younger children are getting excited about Christmas - Brooke is going to ask for Play Doh Hair; Christopher wants a Monster Truck 1000 and Jacob wants WWE toys. The children are also really looking forward to the Halloween Disco tonight. Myla is going dressed as a vampire; Jacob is going as a clown and Lottie is dressing up as a devil. The children are all ready for a rest next week - as is Mrs Hymers.



## Thought for the Weekend



Be strong enough to stand alone, smart enough to know when you need help and brave enough to ask for it.





