



# St. Mary's News

## 3rd November 2017



### Welcome Back

Welcome back to what will be another very busy half-term in the run up to Christmas. We hope that you all had a lovely break.



### Remembrance Day Walk

Our Year 5 and Year 6 children will be joining other local schools on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November to walk up to the memorial garden at the top of Billinge for a short Remembrance Service. The children will lay flags of prayer and peace in the garden for the local residents to read. They will then have refreshments before returning to school. The children are able to wear their school tracksuits **BUT** they must also bring a water-proof coat. You are more than welcome to join the children at the memorial garden if you would like to take part in the service. Permission for your child to take part in the service can be given via your child's diary. Without consent, your child will be unable to attend.



### Anti-Bullying News

National Anti-Bullying Week will run from Mon 13<sup>th</sup> - Fri 17<sup>th</sup> November. The theme for this year's week is *All Different - All Equal*. The children will spend time exploring many different issues around the theme of bullying and will be encouraged to celebrate their differences.



### Odd Socks Day

In order to launch our Anti-Bullying Week and in a bid to celebrate their differences we are asking the children to come to school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November (the first day of Anti-Bullying Week) in odd socks. If the children would like to donate a £1 to wear their odd socks, school will collect in the money and send it off to the Anti-Bullying Alliance, who will use any donations received to help fund their work in raising awareness of bullying.



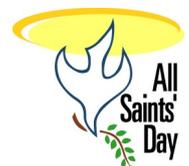
### Key Stage Two Anti-Bullying Assembly

Our Key Stage 2 children would like to invite their families to their Anti-Bullying Sharing Assembly on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30pm. The assembly will be a wonderful opportunity for the children to share their work with you so please try to come along.

*You're Invited!*

### All Saints' Mass

The children went to Church on Wednesday to celebrate the feast of All Saints. The children behaved impeccably and they sang beautifully. Many of the parishioners stopped staff on the way out to say how lovely it was to see the children in Church. Some said that the children's singing really touched them. Well done children. We are really proud of you.



## Halloween Disco

A big thank you to everyone who attended the Halloween Disco before half-term. We believe that there were some fantastic costumes on display and we heard that everyone had a great time.

The PTFA raised a fantastic £543.00 which will be put to really good use in school. As always, the school is really grateful for all of the hard work that the PTFA do to raise funds as without their hard work school would really struggle to fund many of the enrichment activities that we currently offer.



## Reception Class Photo

Our Reception children will be having their class photograph retaken again on the morning of Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November. School was unhappy with the quality of the previous photograph and have asked that it be taken again. We will send home the proofs once they ready.



## First Holy Communion

Thank you to all of the parents and children who attended the second session of the sacramental preparation programme in school on Wednesday. See below for remaining dates. Please note that all remaining sessions are for parents and children.

**Wed 22<sup>nd</sup>** 6pm in school

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

**Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Jan** 6pm in school

**Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Feb** 6pm in school

**Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Mar** 6pm in school

**Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Apr** 6pm in school

**Sat 16<sup>th</sup> June** - Whole Class Communion celebration.

(The children will have made their First Communion prior to this date during a Sunday Mass with their families. Parents need to speak to Fr. Bernard in order to book their child's individual Communion date.)

Please note that in order for your child to make their First Communion, they must attend all sessions.



## Stay and Pray

Thank you to our Year 2 families who joined their children in their Prayer Time on Thursday morning. It was a lovely opportunity for the children and their families to take time out of their busy day to talk to God.

It was lovely to see so many of our families here yesterday and we are looking forward to inviting the rest of our families on the following dates at 9.00am.

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec - Year 1

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Jan - Year 5

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb - Year 6

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March - Year 4

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May - Year 3



## Flu Spray

Our Rec to Y4 children will receive their flu spray on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November. Consent forms should now have been returned to school.



### Good Work

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

- Year 1 - Isla
- Year 2 - Ava
- Year 3 - Libbie-May
- Year 4 - Leah
- Year 5 - Harry
- Year 6 - Joshua



Well done everyone!

### Lunchtime Stars

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

- Reception - Angus
- Year 1 - Joseph
- Year 2 - Declan
- Year 3 - Lucy
- Year 4 - Thomas
- Year 5 - Travis
- Year 6 - Emily



### House Points

#### Infants

#### Juniors

<b>Matthew</b>	Ishaan & Gabriella	Oliver
<b>Mark</b>	Declan	Jake & Jayden
<b>Luke</b>	Niamh	Kate
<b>John</b>	Lexie	Ava

The overall winners were Declan (Y2) & Kate (Y4).

Well done everyone!

## House Points

### Class Attendance

Reception -	97.62%
Year 1 -	98.52%
Year 2 -	98.98%
Year 3 -	97.96%
Year 4 -	100%
Year 5 -	96.77%
Year 6 -	98.62%

Well done to the children in Year 4 who have a class attendance of 100% for this week.



### Clubs/Activities timetable for this 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

## Bucket Filling

Our bucket filling children this week are:



Joshua (Y5) Joshua filled Mrs Hymers' bucket whilst in Church on the Feast of All Saints. He sang his heart out throughout the Mass and said that he had really enjoyed being in Church. Well done Josh - you should be really proud of yourself.

Harry (Y6) Harry was nominated by several members of staff. He is always polite, opens doors for adults and has lovely manners. Well done Harry - you should be really proud of yourself.

## Christmas Fayre and Non Uniform Days

Our annual Christmas Fair is taking place on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November in the club. We are holding 3 non uniform days over the 3 next weeks to collect in donations.

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November - non uniform day for Christmas chocolates

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November - non uniform day for bottles

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November - non uniform day for toiletries

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November - donations of cakes for the refreshment stall.

As always we are really appreciative for all donations sent in as without them the Christmas Fair would not be the great success it always is.



## Sweet Donations and Kitchen Roll Tubes

As always our children are keen to make their sweet filled crackers and gift boxes to sell at the Christmas Fair. In order to keep costs to a minimum we are asking for donations of cardboard kitchen roll tubes and packets of wrapped sweets that can be divided up. Sweets and tubes can be sent into school from Monday. Thank you.



## ABC Club

Costs for Breakfast Club have now been raised to £4.00 for the morning session (7.30am - 9.00am). After School Club prices will remain the same.

Booking forms can now be collected from the entrance hall or in ABC as they will no longer be available on the bottom of the newsletter - since we are now paperless.



## 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 next 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 form and contribution be sent into school as soon as possible.

## Tea@2

What a chatty bunch Mrs Hymers had today. (Tristan Rec, Joseph Y1, Jordan Y2, Elisha Y3, Hope Y4, Billie Y5 and Alice Y6) They never stopped talking, but it was lovely to hear that all of the children really enjoy coming to school and that they feel safe and happy when they are here. Alice and Hope had a lovely half-term in Portugal and Egypt. Hope enjoyed quad biking, whilst Alice went to a water park. The boys all attended the Halloween Disco and had a great time. Tristan went dressed as Frankenstein; Jordan went as a Zombie and Joseph went dressed as a skeleton. In school, the children enjoy playing with their friends, going on the computers, writing and art. The children are looking forward to Christmas and were keen to share what they would like. Elisha would like a BMX; Billie would love an IPAD; Jordan wants family games like Pop Up Pirate; Joseph would like Goody Louie and nothing else; Hope really wants Mouse Trap; Tristan would like Pirate Pig Attack Game and Lightning McQueen and Alice would like Gel Appeal as you are able to design and make your own jewellery from it. Mrs Hymers has put an order in for a blue bracelet as blue is her favourite colour. The session ended with a great laugh when Tristan let out a big burp to show his appreciation of the milk shake and cakes.



### Annual Levy

Payment of the annual school levy of £10 per family is now due. Can payment please be sent into school asap. Cheques should be made payable to St Helens Council. Thank you to everyone who have already sent in their payment.

**PAYMENT DUE**

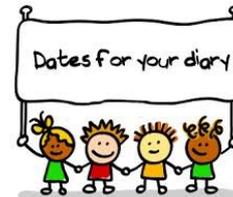
### Poppy Appeal

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.



### Diary of Events

- 7th Nov 17 - Y1/3/6 visit to Liverpool Cathedral
- 9th Nov 17 - Non-uniform day for donations of Christmas Chocolates
- w/c 13th Nov 17 - Anti-bullying week
- 16th Nov 17 - Non-uniform day for donations of bottles
- 20th Nov 17 - Anti-bullying assembly KS2
- 21st Nov 17 - Flu spray Rec - Year 4
- 22nd Nov 17 - Holy Communion meeting in school
- 23rd Nov 17 - Non-uniform day for donations of toiletries
- 24th Nov 17 - Donations of cakes (bought or home made)
- 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



### Thought for the Weekend



If you never chase what you want - you'll never get it.  
If you never ask - the answer will always be no.  
If you never step forward - you'll always be in the same place



