



# St. Mary's News

## 17th November 2017



### Anti-Bullying Week

Our children have spent the week exploring lots of different issues around bullying, through art, role play, dance and song.



A big well done to all of the children who came to school on Monday wearing their odd socks to celebrate the start of anti-bullying week. We have never seen such a wide variety of socks on display before.



### Key Stage 2 Junior Games Kit (Fridays)

Just a reminder that from now on navy blue, round necked t-shirts can be worn under the children's tracksuits on a Friday.

White, round necked t-shirts, embroidered with the school badge, **MUST** continue to be worn for P.E. lessons and as part of school uniform when representing the school.



### 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. They are really looking forward to seeing you all there.



### 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.



### Craft Fair

There will be a craft fair on at St. Mary's Club on Sunday 19th November between 1.00pm and 4.00pm.

Everyone Welcome.



### First Holy Communion

The next session takes place on **Wednesday 22nd November** at 6pm in school.

See below for remaining dates. Please note that all remaining sessions are for parents and children.

**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



## Newsletter

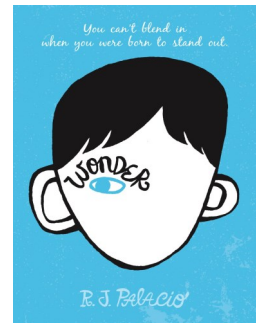
Please remember that although we have gone paperless with the newsletter there are still paper copies available from the school reception area and at the back of Church for parishioners .



## Y6 Trip to Cineworld

On Thursday 7th December, Y6 will be visiting Cineworld in St. Helens to celebrate the end of their Identity topic. The children will be watching a cinema adaptation of their class novel, Wonder.

Further details will be given via a class letter.



## 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. It is really important that we collect in as much levy money as possible as the levy is put towards the school's contribution to building repairs and improvements. Last year's levy went towards the funding of a new school perimeter fence and new drainage systems around both the infant and junior playgrounds—which should hopefully see an end to the flooding problems that we have been experiencing following heavy rain. Thank you to those families who have already sent in their contributions.



## Diary of Events



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

8th Dec 17 - Christmas Bingo

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



### Good Work

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

- Year 1 - Annabel
- Year 2 - Keira L
- Year 3 - George
- Year 4 - Tom H
- Year 5 - William C
- Year 6 - Abbie



### Lunchtime Stars

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

- Reception - Thomas
- Year 1 - Sophie
- Year 2 - Poppy
- Year 3 - Lily
- Year 4 - James
- Year 5 - Joel
- Year 6 - Isla



## House Points

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	<u>Infants</u>	<u>Juniors</u>
<b>Matthew</b>	Eloise	George
<b>Mark</b>	Sophie	Erin and Grace
<b>Luke</b>	Tyler	Lily C
<b>John</b>	Max	Sophia

The overall winners were Eloise(Y1) & Grace and Erin (Y6).

Well done everyone!

### Class Attendance



- Reception - 100.00%
- Year 1 - 98.08%
- Year 2 - 98.41%
- Year 3 - 100.00%
- Year 4 - 97.04%
- Year 5 - 94.62%
- Year 6 - 98.92%

Well done to the children in Reception and Y3 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		Y6 Play Rehearsal
Wednesday	Archery KS2	Dodgeball KS2	Dodgeball Rec & KS1
Thursday	Fun fitness	Football (KS1)	Choir Y6 Play Rehearsal
Friday	Basketball KS2	Basketball Rec & KS1	Handball KS2

### Advance Notice—ABC Closure

ABC will be **closed** on the evening of **Friday 24th Nov** due to the Christmas Fair . It will also be closed on the evening of **Wed 20th Dec**. Breakfast Club will be open as usual.



## Bucket Filling

Our bucket filling children this week are:



Joseph B (Y5) Joseph was really kind to one of his classmates during this week's music lesson. He invited his classmate to join his group and made him feel really welcome and valued. Well done Joseph. You filled Mrs Taylor's bucket this week.

Erin (Y6) Erin is so helpful around school and always approaches each school day with a smile and a positive attitude. She loves to help people and is always well mannered. Mrs Hymers thinks that she could run the school in her absence. Well done Erin. You've filled many buckets this week.

## Christmas Fair - Last Non-Uniform Day

Our annual Christmas Fair is taking place on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November in the club. Thankyou to the families who kindly donated bottles yesterday for our bottle stall. Further bottle donations would be really appreciated.

We are holding 1 further non uniform day next week to collect in donations.

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



On **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November** donations of cakes for the refreshment stall would be really appreciated.



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.



## Selection Box Bingo

Our traditional Selection Box Bingo will take place on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 3.45pm. It is always a fun filled, mad couple of hours, but everyone has a great time and it is a fantastic opportunity to raise money for the school.

As well as Bingo there will be opportunity to Guess the Name of the Reindeer; Guess How Many Sweets are in the Jar and Guess the Weight of the Christmas Cake. Light refreshments will also be on offer.

No tickets are needed. Simply pay on the door. Further details to follow.



## Tea@2

It was a very busy Tea@2 this week with 14 children enjoying cakes, milkshake, juice and biscuits with Mrs Hymers. Mrs Hymers' guests were Heidi and Michael (Rec), Isabelle and Louie(Y1), Saskia and Oliver (Y2), Dylan and Amelie (Y3), Tom H and Logan (Y4), Lexi and Tom (Y5) and Erin and Ethan (Y6)

The KS1 children were very keen to talk about Christmas. Heidi would like a Hatchable; Michael would like Sonic 4; Isabelle has asked for a unicorn—not a cuddly toy version, but a real one; Louie would like a Play Station; Oliver desperately wants Air Hogs and Saskia wants lots of ROBLOX toys, as she spends lots of time playing the game.

When we talked about school, most of the children enjoy coming to school, although lots of them don't enjoy doing their homework. Heidi really enjoys playing with Play Doh; Michael and Oliver both enjoy going on the computers; Isabelle enjoys playing on the climbing wall; Louie enjoys Tea@2 and Saskia likes it when she gets things right—which she does lots of times.



The KS2 children were full of chit chat. Many of them have buy weekends ahead. Lexi is going dancing; Amelie is going to trampoline lessons; Dylan, is just going to chill out watching the television; Tom from Y4 is playing football; Tom from Y5 is going to the Lake District with his grandparents in their camper van. His mum has been banned from going with them! Ethan may go on a bike ride with his dad; Logan is going to judo tonight and rugby training tomorrow and Erin is going to Emily's trampoline party for her birthday. Mrs Hymers may make a surprise appearance—so watch out! The KS2 children all enjoy school, although some of them don't enjoy Literacy, Reading Comprehensions or tests. On their Christmas wish lists are: Amelie—DS; Dylan—chalkboard and board games; Tom a football table; Logan a drone and an electric scooter; Lexi—Smiggle accessories; Tom a new guitar; Erin a laptop and Ethan isn't too sure as he's just had his birthday.

### Thought for the Weekend



If you can't be a pencil to write someone's happiness,  
then try to be a nice eraser to remove their sadness.

