



St. Mary's News

24th November 2017



Key Stage Two Anti-Bullying Assembly

Thank you to our parents and grandparents who attended our Anti-Bullying Assembly this week. It was lovely to see the children's work and they were so confident standing up in front of you all. It was very clear that some of our children are born performers.



Congratulations—It's a boy!

Our congratulations go to Mrs Ryan and her husband on the birth of their baby son —Blake Daniel, who was born on Saturday 18th November weighing a whopping 9lb 14oz!

Both mum and baby are doing well.

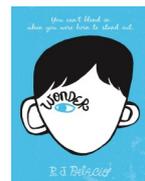
We send our love to the new family and we wish Mrs Ryan and her husband lots of luck in their new roles as mummy and daddy. We hope that you can survive on only a few hours sleep!



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 have been given via a class letter.



First Holy Communion

Thankyou to the parents, grandparents and children who attended the Holy Communion preparation session on Wednesday. This was the final session before Christmas. Future dates are as listed below.

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.



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 .



Class Attendance

Reception - 98.10%

Year 1 - 96.03%

Year 2 - 98.78%

Year 3 - 98.06%

Year 4 - 97.52%

Year 5 - 96.45%

Year 6 - 97.85%

Well done to the children in Y2 who have the best class attendance this week.



Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Y4 children will be making their First Confession on Thursday 14th December at 2.15pm in Church.

Families are welcome to attend the service.



Calling all Year 4 and Year 5 Children - A message from Lucy

Lucy is a past pupil from St. Mary's who now attends St. Peter's. She is working with a group of children to organise a fund raising Christmas Tea Party in aid of the Joining Jack charity. Jack is a young boy who has Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. There is no cure at the moment and the charity are raising funds to pay for research.

The Tea Party is being held on the 21st December from 4-6pm at St. Peter's High School. Tickets are available on the day or from St. Peter's office. The cost of the Tea Party is £5.00 per person or £17.50 for a family of four.

It would be lovely to see everyone there. There will be a chance to meet Father Christmas and to eat unlimited cake.



Holiday Dates for the Academic Year 2018–2019

Autumn Term 2018: School opens on **Tuesday 4th September 2018**

Closes for half-term on **Friday 19th October.**

School opens on **Monday 29th October**

Closes for Christmas on **Thursday 20th December**

Spring Term 2019: School opens on **Monday 7th January 2019**

Closes for half-term on **Friday 15th February**

School opens on **Monday 25th February**

Closes for Easter on **Friday 5th April**

Summer Term 2019: School opens on **Tuesday 23rd April**

Closes for half-term on **Friday 24th May**

School opens on **Tuesday 4th June**

Closes on **Friday 19th July**

We will send out new holiday cards after the Christmas holidays.



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

- 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 Carols in Church 2.00pm
- 21st Dec 17 - Reception Christmas Play
- 22nd Dec 17 - School closes for Christmas

Advance Notice—ABC Closure

ABC will be closed on the evening of **Wed 20th Dec**. Breakfast Club will be open as usual.



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

House Points, Lunchtime Stars, Good Work and Tea@2

Due to the Christmas Fair, there were no House Points, Lunchtime Stars, Good Work or Tea@2 this week. Things will be back to normal next week.



Bucket Filling

Our bucket filling children this week are:



Lexie (Y2) Lexie filled Mrs Hymers' bucket this week when she helped a classmate put his coat on. This was very kind of you Lexie.

Halle and Ella (Y5). These children have been so helpful in class this week and Miss Davies really appreciated their hard work. Well done girls—you filled Miss Davies' bucket.

Christmas Fair

A great big thank you to everyone who helped to make the Christmas Fair so successful today.

The PTFA—for the Christmas Grotto and helping to set up the stalls

Our families—for your kind donations of chocolates, bottles, toiletries and cakes

Fr Bernard—for sorting out the float

The choir—for keeping us entertained

The club—for allowing us to use their premises

Our staff—for helping to set up the stalls and for serving on them

Everyone—for coming to the fair and spending so generously.

It was definitely a team effort and I am certain that we will be able to put all funds raised to very good use.



Selection Box Bingo



Our traditional Selection Box Bingo will take place on Friday 8th 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.



Thought for the Weekend



God gave us the gift of 86,400 seconds today.

How many of them have you used to help others or to say thank you?

