



St. Mary's News

13th September 2019



Year 6 Parents' Meeting

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the meeting on Wednesday evening. We hope that you found the evening both useful and informative.

A list of key dates and a PGL Payment card have been given out. If you haven't received yours, please let school know.

Remember that if you need any advice or help with the high school application process then please speak to Mrs Hymers.

As mentioned during the meeting, it is essential that proof of faith forms are returned to any Catholic school that you have listed on your application form.

Please don't just post the form to the high school. It is much better to take the form in personally and get a receipt as proof of handing in.

School would advise you to visit as many different high schools as possible before making your final three choices and please, please remember to put three choices. If you only put one choice and you are unsuccessful in your application, your child will be offered a place at a local school that has space.

Local High School Open Evenings

St Edmund Arrowsmith Ashton in Makerfield—Wednesday 25th September

St Peter's Catholic High School Orrell—Thursday 3rd October

St Augustines Catholic High School—Tuesday 1st October

De la Salle High School—Wednesday 2nd October

Cowley High School—already taken place. Contact school to arrange a visit.

Rainford High School—Thursday 26th September

Up Holland High School—Tuesday 25th September

St. Cuthbert's High School—Thursday 19th September

Haydock High School—Tuesday 17th September



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Whole School Photographs



Whole school photographs will be taken on Tuesday 24th September.

Family photographs of children with pre school siblings will be taken from 8.30am in the Infant Hall, so if you have a younger child, not currently at St. Mary's, and you would like them to be photographed with their sibling, why not pop in .

Individual photographs and family photos of children in school together will then be taken throughout the morning.

Our Reception children will have a whole class photograph for the very first time.

Nearly New Toy Sale

Billinge Residents Association are holding a charity Nearly New Toy Sale on Sunday 20th October at St Mary's Club. It starts at 1pm until 4pm and the cost is £15.00

To book a space, please ring 01744 893260



Welcome Father Harris

Following Father Bernard's recent retirement, Father Paul Harris has been appointed as our new Parish Priest. We will share Father Harris with Corpus Christi in Rainford. We met Father very recently when he kindly



agreed to celebrate our Y6's Leavers' Mass with the staff and children and we are looking forward to getting to know Father over the coming weeks and months. We are certain that you will all make him feel very welcome.



Children's Liturgy

The Children's Liturgy group will run during the 11.00am Mass on Sunday and is open to all children regardless of age. It would be lovely to see our children at Mass on Sunday and we know that the children will really enjoy going to Little Church.



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. Reception's Stay and Pray will be in an afternoon. 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:

Monday 16th September	Reception	3.00pm
Tuesday 24th September	Year 2	9.00am
Tuesday 22nd October	Year 1	9.00am
Tuesday 28th January	Year 6	9.00am
Tuesday 17th March	Year 5	9.00am
Tuesday 19th May	Year 4	9.00am
Tuesday 16th June	Year 3	9.00am



Guitars and Recorders

Lessons will begin next week. Letters went out this week with all payment details on. If you haven't received a letter and your child would like to take part in the lessons, please speak to the office.

Wed 1.00-1.30pm Junior Recorders
1.30—2.00pm Y2 Recorders

Thurs 12.30 -1.00pm Y3 Guitars
1.00—1.30pm Y4/5/6 Guitars



Celebrating our Birthdays

Lily and Amelie from Y5 asked Mrs Hymers if it would be possible for the children to celebrate their birthdays by coming to school in their own clothes for that day. Mrs Hymers thought that this was a lovely idea, and so starting from Monday the children can come to school in their own clothes on their birthday. If your child has already had their birthday—so from Sept 1st to 15th 2019—they can come to school on Monday in their own clothes. If your child's birthday is on a weekend or in the holidays, they can come to school in their own clothes on the Monday or first day back after the weekend or the holiday. If your child's birthday is in the Summer, they can come to school in their own clothes on the last day of school before we break up.

This way—everyone gets to celebrate their special day.



Good Work

Well done to the following children who were chosen to share their good work with the rest of the school in assembly today.

Year 1 Tillie
Year 2 Andrew
Year 3 Emilia
Year 4 Emily
Year 5 Lily
Year 6 Beau



Class Attendance

Reception - 99.57%
Year 1 - 97.41%
Year 2 - 99.63%
Year 3 - 95.4%
Year 4 - 97.78%
Year 5 - 100.00%
Year 6 - 98.89%

Well done Y5. You had the best attendance this week.

House Points

Infants

Matthew Ewan
Mark Alfie Ba and Malachy
Luke Freddi
John Emmie

Juniors

Jake and Iris
Jacob McD
Sofia F
Emilia

The overall winners were: Emmie from Y1 and Sofia from Y4.

Well done everyone!



Party Lunch

Our school cook will be holding a Party Lunch on Thursday 3rd October. If your child usually has a packed lunch, but would like a school meal on that day just let the office know. The children will have a choice of either turkey dinosaur and chips or sausage roll and chips. There will be a charge of £2.40 for KS2 children. Infant children don't pay for their school meals.

Aldi Stickers

Parents we need you!



Aldi are giving 20 primary schools the chance to win £20,000 to kick start a healthy legacy for their school. Whenever you spend £30 or more in Aldi you will receive a Team GB sticker. We have from 6th September until 3rd November to collect 300 Team GB stickers. Please pass the stickers on through your child or via the office.

Lunchtime Stars

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

Rec - Erin

Year 1 - Penny

Year 2 - Heidi

Year 3 - Heidi

Year 4 - Iris

Year 5 - Ben

Year 6 - Georgina



Uniform Reminder

Can we please ask that all uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name -especially KS2 tracksuit tops and trousers and KS1 shoes and pumps.

If uniform is labelled, it will eventually find its way back to your child.

Can we also remind you that for health and safety reasons, earrings are not to be worn at school.



Clubs/Activities timetable for this half-term

	Before school	Lunchtime	After school
Monday		Zumba Starting 16/9/19	
Tuesday	Fun fitness 17/9/19 Years 3/4	Top Trumps and Colouring Club Y3/Y4 Computing Club Y5 until 1/2 term then Y6 until Christmas	
Wednesday	Dodgeball KS2	Rounders KS2 Recorders	Athletics Rec & KS1
Thursday	Fun fitness 19/9/19 Years 5/6	Guitars	Choir Starting 19/9/19
Friday	Hockey All year groups	Tag Rugby Rec & KS1	Outdoor and Adventure Activities KS2

Thought for the Weekend

No matter how many mistakes you make or how slow your progress is

You are still way ahead of everyone else who isn't trying

miStAkEs
are proof
that you are
TRYING





Advance Notice—ABC Closure

ABC will be **closed** on the evening of Wednesday 13th November for staff training.



Breakfast Club will be open as usual.

Below are a list of dates and events in school that have been confirmed for the new term. Further dates and events will be added as they arise. We will try our best to ensure that we inform you of new events/changes to events as soon as we are able.



Mon 16th Sept 2019	Reception Phonics Workshop 2.15pm. Infant Hall (Sign in at the office)
Mon 16th Sept 2019	Rec Stay and Pray 3pm (Sign in at the office)
Tues 24th Sept 2019	Whole school photographs
Tues 24th Sept 2019	Y2 Stay and Pray 9.00am
Fri 27th Sept 2019	Y6 Calculation Workshop for parents 2.15pm (Sign in at the office)
Tues 8th October 2019	Coffee and tea with SLT and governors 2.30pm
Fri 11th October 2019	Harvest Assembly. Reception and KS1 parents are invited to attend. 9.30am Infant Hall
Mon 14th Oct 2019	E-Safety sharing assembly. Key Stage 2 parents invited to attend. 2.30pm Infant Hall
Wed 16th Oct 2019	Open Afternoon 2.15pm—3.15pm Parents' Evening 1 3.40pm—6.20pm
Tues 22nd Oct 2019	Y1 Stay and Pray 9.00am
Wed 23rd Oct 2019	Open Afternoon 2.15pm—3.15pm Parents' Evening 2 3.40pm—6.20pm
Fri 25th Oct 2019	Break up for half-term
Mon 4th Nov 2019	Return to school
Tues 10th Dec 2019	Key Stage 1 Christmas Play 2.30pm
Wed 11th Dec 2019	Key Stage 1 Christmas Play 2.30pm Key Stage 2 Christmas Play 2.00pm and 7.00pm
Thurs 12th Dec 2019	Y4 First Confession in Church 2.15pm. This is a provisional date and will need to be confirmed. Families welcome.
Fri 13th Dec 2019	Reception Christmas Play. Time to be confirmed
Tues 17th Dec 2019	Christmas Pantomime - Sleeping Beauty. Christmas Dinner. Christmas Day of Fun!
Fri 20th Dec 2019	Christmas celebration in Church 2.00pm. Families welcome