



St. Mary's News

13th March 2020



The club car park continues to be an area of ongoing concern and following a couple of incidents this week, when staff have been spoken to in an inappropriate way, Fr. Paul has asked school to publish, on his behalf, the letter below.



Dear Parents,

It has been brought to my attention that a number of parents are driving cars into the rear social club car park (where the recycling bins used to be) despite being asked numerous times by the school not to do this. Parents are asked not to do this in order to keep the children safe, which is a legitimate concern and requires no explanation. As such, I ask parents to adhere to the Head's request not to drive into the rear club car park under any circumstance. Please also note that both club car parks are owned by the Archdiocese of Liverpool and, to this end, the overall responsibility and management of such space rests with me as the Parish Priest. I will be asking the school to monitor this situation closely and, should the above request continue to be flouted, I will have no hesitation to simply close the car park altogether by way of automatic barrier. Parents should also respect the main driveway of the church and not park in front of the gates at any time. Aggressive and/or confrontational behaviour towards school staff - who are essentially employees of the Archdiocese of Liverpool - will not be tolerated.

Very Rev Paul Harris SDS
Parish Priest of Rainford & Billinge

We do hope that parents will support us in this matter. We are very fortunate to have access to the car park and it would be a real pity if we were to lose that right as a result of the actions of a small number of parents/grandparents.



Coffee and Tea with the SLT

On Monday 16th March our SLT and governors will be hosting their second 'Coffee and Tea with the SLT' from 9-10am.

Why not drop in and have a cuppa, a biscuit and a chat with Mrs Hymers, Mrs Talbot-Davies and Mrs Hrabowenskyj.

The SLT are looking forward to chatting with you about school life. Let them know what we are doing well and as always they are keen to hear any suggestions as to how we can make the school even better!

A member of the governing body will also try to be available to hear your views.



Year 5 Stay and Pray

Our Y5 children invite members of their families to join them in their class worship on **Tuesday 17th March** at 9.00am – 9.15am.

Our Stay and Pray sessions are a wonderful opportunity for our families to come together for a moment of quiet prayer, contemplation and reflection.

If you are able to join the children, please just sign in at the office and you will then be taken to the Y5 classroom.



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.

Reception Jessica

Year 1 Tilly

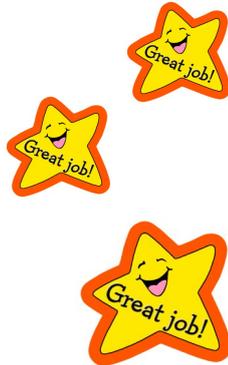
Year 2 Jonathan

Year 3 Sonny

Year 4 Harrison

Year 5 Ben

Year 6 Myla



Class Attendance

Reception - 98.72%

Year 1 - 98.89%

Year 2 - 97.78%

Year 3 - 96.83%

Year 4 - 97.04%

Year 5 - 98.52

Year 6 - 100%

Well done to Year 6 who have the best attendance this week—100%

House Points

Infants

Matthew

Bobby

Mark

Thomas

Luke

Luca

John

Tyler

Juniors

Jake

Jacob B

Louie

Annabel

The overall winners were: Thomas (Y2) and Louie (Y3)

Well done everyone!



Lunchtime Stars

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

Rec - Leo

Year 1 - Martha

Year 2 - Malachy

Year 3 - Tyler

Year 4 - Maya

Year 5 - Keeley

Year 6 - Lila



Bucket Filling

Mrs Hankin has chosen Emily from Y4 as her Bucket Filler this week. She says that Emily is always a great help after Fun Fitness as she stays back to help put all of the equipment away.

Well done Emily. It is lovely to hear that you are so helpful.



Our Reception Stars

Our Reception children have their own class reward system. A child will be chosen as their House Star of the Week and an overall Class Star will be chosen. The class star will be given a trophy to take home for the week. (To be returned next week.)

Our winners are:

Matthew House Star: Evie

Mark House Star: Edison

Luke House Star: Eddison

John House Star: Ally

Overall Star of the Week: Evie

Well done to all of our winners.



Viruses (including COVID-19)



The best way to slow the spread of almost any germs, including Coronavirus is:

- **Always carry tissues** and use them to catch a cough or sneeze.
- **Bin the used tissue**
- **Wash hands** with soap and water (or use a sanitiser gel) to kill the germs.

Remember that germs can live on some surfaces for hours.

Public information from the Government can be found at: www.gov.uk/coronavirus



COVID 19 advice is being given to schools on a daily basis by both Public Health England and the Local Authority. We will keep you up to date with new guidance as, and when, we receive it. Texts will be sent out and the website will be updated to keep you informed.

Mon 16th March 2020 Coffee and Tea with SLT—9.00am—10.00am

Tues 17th March 2020 Y5 Stay and Pray - families invited (9.00-9.10)



Thurs 19th March 2020 Glow Handball tournament Y3/4. Leave school 12.30pm—return in time for the end of the school day. Team has been selected and letters sent home.

Mon 30th March 2020 Stations of the Cross. As part of our Easter reflections, our children will be walked through the Stations of the Cross—following in Jesus' footsteps. This service is for children only,

Wed 1st of April 2020 KS2 Service of Sorrow—Y4, Y5 and Y6 children will have the opportunity to go to confession as part of Lent. This service is for children only.

Fri 3rd April 2020 Finish for Easter—Reopen for everyone on Mon 20th April 2020.

A New Sporting Partnership

We are excited to announce that after Easter half-term we will begin a new sporting partnership with Sport4kids. As part of the partnership, we will have sports coaches working within school for 2 days per week. We will continue to offer a multitude of different sporting clubs on a half-termly basis and we will also join other local schools to compete in a range of sporting events. (The first event being Glow in the Dark Handball on Thursday 19th March.)



Sport4kids are coming into school to introduce themselves to our staff and children next week and to talk about all of the clubs that they are going to offer and about the work they will do to support the delivery of our PE Curriculum.

Club information and booking systems will remain the same and will be sent out from the school office prior to new clubs being offered. Clubs will cost £2 per session and numbers will be capped at 30 per club.

The new clubs on offer after Easter half-term will be:

Wed am: KS2 Nerf Club (7.45-8.45am) Lunch: KS2 Quidditch (12.30—1.30pm)
pm: Rec/KS1 Nerf Club (3.30-4.30pm)



Fri am: Rec/KS1 Mini Ninjas (7.45-8.45am) Lunch: KS2 Disco Diamond Cricket (12.30—1.30pm)
pm: KS2 Futsal (3.30-4.30pm)





UPCOMING EVENTS



Velocity—Spring into Spring

We believe that everyone had a great time last Friday at Velocity and we managed to raise a fantastic £300. Thank you to the PTFA for organising the event and to everyone who went along to support the fundraiser.

Easter Egg Bingo and Easter Egg Hunt

Thursday 2nd April

We will be holding our very popular Easter Egg Bingo and Easter Egg Hunt on Thursday 2nd April from 3.45pm—5.00pm.

Tickets will be limited to 100 due to hall space.

Tickets cost £3 per child or adult. The child's ticket includes a book of bingo tickets and entrance to the Easter Egg Hunt.

The adult's ticket includes a book of bingo tickets. Light refreshments will also be on sale.

Tickets go on sale Monday 23rd March and can be purchased from the school office.



Non Uniform Day: There will be a non uniform day on Thursday 26th March in exchange for donations of Easter Eggs.



Quiz Night— Friday 24th April

We will be hosting a quiz night (adults only) on the evening of Friday 24th April from 7pm in the Infant Hall. Tickets cost £5 and teams are restricted to 8 members. You are welcome to bring your own drink and nibbles and prizes will be awarded to the winning and losing teams. It should be a great night, so please do try to join us as this is a new event for the PTFA.



A Thought for the Weekend

A bird sitting on a branch is never afraid of the branch breaking, because its trust is not on the branch—but on its own wings.

Always believe in yourself.

