



St Mary's Catholic School

Growing together in knowledge, faith and love

10th November
2017

Important Items in this newsletter:

- ♦ Mission and Vision Statement
- ♦ Reading scheme
- ♦ Reports and Parents evening



Dear All

We are now well into our second half of the Autumn Term and it is beginning to feel more like winter with the darker mornings. School always feels very busy this time of year with rehearsals for the Christmas plays (please see the box below for class dates and times) but it also feels calm and full of purposeful learning. We had our first HMI monitoring visit at the end of last term and are awaiting our second visit this half term. There is a parent forum on Friday 17th November at 2.15pm where you will have an opportunity to meet with two members of our Interim Executive Board and they can talk to you about their work and work with the trust. All are welcome!

There is also a questionnaire that has gone home tonight, please could you complete it and bring it back to school by 17th November. It is vital to hear the voice of parents when working together to move our school forward.

We are having an official 'pool opening' which will be on Wednesday 22nd November at 2pm. Due to the amount of people who would like to attend, names will need to be drawn out of a hat. There will be a letter given out tonight with a reply slip. Could you please give this to the office by 17th November and we will be able to let you know if you have been lucky enough to attend. All children will attend the event with their class. If your name is not drawn, we will be arranging a separate time for parents to look around.

Many thanks to our fabulous PTA for arranging and running the school Halloween Disco. We raised £332 which will go towards a pantomime for the children at Christmas.

I wish you all a lovely weekend,

Best wishes

Demelza Bolton

Headteacher

Star of the Week

Week 1

Class 1: Domas
Class 2: Kitty
Class 3: Miley
Class 4: Harry
Class 5: Kirsten
Class 6: Abigail

Week 2

Reception: Kaitlyn
Class 1: Archie
Class 2: Marcin
Class 3: Henley
Class 4: Fletcher
Class 5: Perry
Class 6: Elsie

This half term children will be completing the Sacraments topic. This will be followed by study of a world faith (Islam). Advent will then be with us when we consider how Christians prepare for Christmas and how we get ready for Jesus' birthday. The Christmas topic then continues into the beginning of the Spring term.

There will be Nativities and carol services in which each class will take part. The final School Mass for 2017 will be in school on Tuesday 19th Dec at 9.30am. All are most welcome to attend.

Nursery and Reception Christmas play:
Wednesday 13th December at 10am
KS1 Christmas Play: Thursday 14th December
at 1.30pm and Friday 15th at 9.30am
Years 3 and 4 Carols around the Tree on
Monday 18th December at 1.30pm
Years 5 and 6 Carol Service in Church:
Thursday 14th December at 6pm

Children in Need—17th November

We would love the children to come dressed up in support of Children in Need on Friday 17th November. This can be anything bear like, spotty, or red, blue, yellow, green clothes.

Donations of £1 towards
this great cause would be much appreciated!



Hamelin

Year 4 enjoyed acting out the story of Hamelin. Putting themselves into character really helped them with their English writing.



We are delighted to have been awarded the Silver Schools Games mark. This is in recognition of our increased sporting and physical activity during our school day.

Well done everyone!

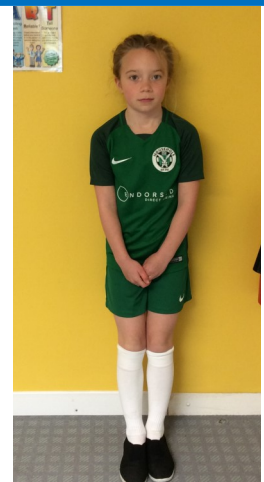


Tempest photograph orders need to be returned to the office before 3 pm on Monday 13th November.

SPORTS

Girls football

Megan is a member of Mousehole AFC's girls team and looks great in her kit. We look forward to hearing about her goal scoring soon!



Lyra and Keeley took part in a gymnastics competition at the weekend. They were both very excited to tell us all about it.

Well done girls!



Football medal

Brook plays for Mousehole AFC Youth Team and has played matches against Southampton, Sheffield Utd and Leeds Utd Youth Teams.

We were delighted when he brought in his kit and medal to show us.

Well done Brook!



Reports and Parents Evenings

A letter went out last week informing parents of the parents evenings on 21st and 22nd November. Please ensure you sign up to a time; the teachers will have their timetables with them at the end of each day. You will receive your child's Autumn Term report next week on Wednesday 15th November.

Class Attendance

Each week classes have the opportunity to win two attendance prizes. One for the best attendance and one most punctual class with the least number of recorded lates. Well done to the following classes :

w/ending 43rd November 2016

1st place Y4 with 100%, 2nd place Y6 with 97.8% and 3rd place Y1 with 97.2%

Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term 2017

Friday 17th November 2.15pm	All	Parent Forum
Tuesday 21st November	All	Children in Need
21st & 22nd November	All	Parents evening
Friday 8th December	All	Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 13th December 10am	Rec. & Nursery	Christmas Play
Thursday 14th December 1.30pm	KS1	Christmas Play
Friday 15th December 9.30am	KS1	Christmas Play
Thursday 14th December 6pm	Y5 & Y6	Carol Service in Church
Monday 18th December 2.30pm	Y3 & Y4	Carols around the Tree
Tuesday 19th December 9.30am	All	School Mass
Thursday 21st December to Wednesday 3rd January		Christmas Break

Spring Term 2017

Thursday 4th January	All	Return for Spring Term
Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February		Half term holiday
Monday 19th February	All	INSET DAY—School closed
Tuesday 20th February	All	Return for second half Spring Term
Friday 30th March to Friday 13th April		Easter Break

Summer Term 2017

Monday 16th April	All	Return for Summer Term
Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June		Half term holiday
Monday 4th June	All	Return for second half Summer Term
Monday 23rd July	All	INSET DAY—School closed
Tuesday 24th July	All	INSET DAY—School closed



Mission Statement

At St Mary's Catholic School our mission is to work together to create a school where we are:

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Our Vision

Faith is at the heartbeat of our school, as we walk with Jesus through life. St Mary's provides a safe, positive place to learn, where everyone is given the opportunity to become a life-long learner. We do this by nurturing pupils' individuality and creativity, guiding pupils' learning and challenging pupils to think independently. By showing respect, love and care to one another, without exception, everyone is valued in our school community.

Our Aims

- To nurture a life-long passion for learning
- To ensure everyone reaches his/her full potential
- To encourage enquiring minds and independent thinkers
- To give the opportunity to learn and grow in the knowledge and love of God
- To meet the needs of individual children
- To increase self-esteem
- To equip children for the ever-changing challenges of the 21st Century
- To provide stability and a safe place to learn
- To develop a sense of community and citizenship

This will be achieved by:

- Excellent teaching
- A full and creative curriculum that caters for different learning styles
- Support or challenge when it is needed
- A caring community
- An atmosphere where faith and teaching combine
- Stimulating indoor and outdoor learning environments
- Excellent communication at all levels
- Strong active links with the community

Everyone is expected to:

- Be responsible for his/her own behaviour
- Respect everyone in the school community
- Share our values
- Be kind

"We plant the seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted,

Knowing that they hold future promise.

We are prophets of a future not our own."

(Archbishop Oscar Romero)