

# St Mary Queen of Martyrs

Voluntary Catholic Academy

# Newsletter

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## Welcome back!

We are delighted to have the children back safe and sound after the summer break. Thank you for ensuring that they are wearing our school uniform. They all look so smart in their school jumpers with the Academy logo, shirts and ties! Please make certain that all items of clothing, including indoor shoes, are clearly marked with children's names.

Please remember that jewellery, including earrings, is not allowed because of safeguarding reasons and long hair should be tied back to prevent unwanted visitors!

## Our school website

We are trying to communicate with you more using our website. Please see the website for curriculum letters, newsletters, blogs and information about our new curriculum!

[www.stmaryqom.co.uk](http://www.stmaryqom.co.uk)

## Fantastic News

We are delighted to inform you that both Key Stages have surpassed our targets for the end of year tests/ assessments. Please see our website for our full results. Thanks to our excellent pupils, staff and to our parents for all your hard work.

## Universal Free Meals & Breakfast Club

School lunches are free for Foundation 2 pupils - Year 2 pupils. (4yr olds to 7year olds) We also offer a hot dinner for the F1 pupils for 50p. Please encourage your child to stay school lunch, so they get an opportunity to taste our wonderful lunches. Healthy packed lunches prepared freshly by the catering staff, are available for Years 5 & 6 and are very good value at 50p each. On Parents' Evening on 19th & 20th October, you will be able to sample our school lunches.

**Breakfast club continues from 8.00am - 8.50am.** Last admission will be at 8.30am. The pupils are given a healthy, varied breakfast and the opportunity to read, exercise and play quiet games after they have eaten. Breakfast charge is £1.00 per day which is excellent value for money. Why don't you give it a try?

## Changes to our school

We have had a very busy summer making huge improvements to our school. The new outdoor learning area in the Foundation Stage is just amazing! Other changes include: bi-folding doors into the outdoor area, extending the size of the classroom, new external doors, new internal doors, new hand driers in all the toilets, new CCTV and new outdoor lighting. You are welcome to come into school at any time if you would like to view our changes.

## Bug Club

Bug Club is a new on - line reading scheme which we introduced towards the end of the summer term. The pupils have been allocated log -ins and books to read at home. Please ensure they use this fantastic resource to improve their reading stamina and develop their confidence.

## Mathletics

The pupils will also have on-line maths homework to complete using Mathletics. Please make certain that they complete their homework. If there are any problems with log in codes, please see Miss Tindall.

## School Times

Breakfast Club 8.00 am—8.50 am  
(door closes 8.30 am) £1.00 per day  
School starts 8.50 am  
Lessons start 8.55 am  
School finishes 3.00 pm

## Dates for your Diary

### September

17th Education Mass 7pm at St Charles

23rd Family puppet workshop for FS 1-3pm

25th Mc Millan coffee morning for parents 9am

25th 2.30pm Miss Tindall's class sharing assembly

29th Bags to school

29th FOS AGM 3pm

30th Family number rhymes workshop FS 1-3pm

### October

5th Individual photographs

5th Year 6 France meeting 3.15 pm

9th Mr Evans' class sharing assembly

16th Harvest Festival 2pm

19th Parents' evening 3.15 - 6.30 pm

20th Parents' evening 3.15 - 5pm

21st Phase 1 Robot making afternoon 1-2.30pm

21st Hallowe'en disco

22nd Whole school mass 9.15 am

22nd School closes for half term

### November

2nd Pupils return to school



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## France trip

The first meeting for the Year 6 France trip is after school on Monday 5th October. It is important that you attend this meeting if you wish your child to visit France.

## FSM -Free School Meals

If you are entitled to FSM but your child does not stay for lunch or if they are entitled to a free meal under Universal free school meals, we still need you to complete the claiming form. This is because we receive much extra funding for FSM pupils.

## FOS (Friends of the school)

The first meeting of the Friends of the school is on Tuesday 29th September at 3pm. We are desperate for new members so we welcome any support.

## Punctuality & Attendance Counts

Please ensure that your children are on the playground by 8.45am as they need to be in school at 8.50 when registration starts at 8.55am. Our present attendance is 96.7% and we are always trying to improve this figure. Thanks for your support.

## New Curriculum

We are now embracing the new curriculum and we will be having meetings with parents after mid term to ensure you understand the main changes and the expectations. Meanwhile you should have had a report from the Phase on how the curriculum has been planned for the Autumn term. Please support our curriculum days if you can.

## Up to date Information

Emergency contact is vital. If you have moved house, changed your phone number or changed your emergency contact number, please inform the office immediately.

## Engagement with parents

We are trying to engage with parents more and invite you into school regularly to see how we organise the curriculum and view how we group pupils so all achieve. This is very much your school and we want you to be as proud of it as we are! We will be having a parent drop -in after school on November 23rd from 3.15- 4.15pm. This will give you the opportunity to view your child's work and discuss any concerns.

Thank you for all the support you have given the school when you have supported us with weekly Praise Assembly.

## Improving Physical Education

We are having a specialist PE teacher in school every alternate Monday to help upskill the staff with the teaching of PE. We are hoping that this will lead to more exciting and stimulating PE sessions. Please ensure your child always has the correct PE uniform on PE days.

## Statements of Belief

The Statements of Belief will now appear on the RE tab on our new website.

Please take the opportunity to discuss with your child at home and support them as they learn about.....

We are all special

I can say one good thing about myself

I can say how I feel

I know what to do if I see anyone being hurt

I try to stand up for myself and others without hurting others

## Homework

We are trying hard to improve the standard of homework. We ask you to ensure that homework is completed to the highest level and ask you to check that it meets with your approval and is the best that it can be.

## Bags to School—extra money for our school.

Please put all unwanted clothes, including old school uniform, in the bags provided and drop off at school on Tuesday 29th September. Please leave by the container.