

St Mary Queen of Martyrs

Voluntary Catholic Academy

Newsletter

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As Christmas draws near we are reminded not only of the birth of Jesus Christ, but of the opportunity each year to prepare ourselves for when Christ will come again. "Stay awake, be ready" is the mantra for Christians worldwide to remind us to have our souls ready.

Pope Francis has declared the next twelve months as a 'Year of Mercy'. This is to provide us with a constant reminder of God's unending love and mercy for us. On a practical level it is to help us reflect on our own acts of mercy. The parables of the Good Samaritan and the Sheep and the Goats serve as examples to us of how we can show mercy to others every day. We will be exploring the Year of Mercy and its meaning with the children in the New Year.

Collection of children: Please ensure that children are collected from the playground and are not asked to meet you in the church car park / near the crossing etc – We can only keep your children safe if we can see them.

Breakfast Club charge
You should have received a letter inform you that breakfast club charge will be increasing to £1.50 from January 2016. We have been running breakfast club at a loss for some months now and the Finance governors have decided on this small increase.

Do you want to know how to support your child at home with Maths, Reading & Writing?
We have been disappointed that very few parents attended the Year 6 Parent Curriculum Information Evening. It is important that you attend these meetings so that you will have a more informed idea of how you can support your child at home to prepare for their SATs tests. We have re-scheduled another Year 6 Information evening for those parents who could not attend. Parents who have attended these meeting in the past have found them very valuable. We have planned Information Evenings for every year group to help parents in supporting their children.. Please see the diary.

Christmas Performances

A huge thank you to the staff and the pupils for the highly polished Christmas plays. I'm sure you'll agree that the singing, dancing and the Christmas atmosphere that was created was just amazing! Thank you especially to the staff for their high expectations of performance and behaviour.

CAFOD and Christmas

Thank you for your very generous donation to CAFOD. We have raised in the region of £530.00 so far!

Woolly Hats

We have sent off 37 Woolly hats full of necessities to the sailors who will be arriving into Hull port. This is part of the Port Chaplaincy. A huge thank you for your generosity.

Punctuality and Attendance Counts!

Please ensure that your children are on the playground by 8.45am as they need to be in school at 8.50am when registration starts at 8.55am promptly. We are very aware that it is the same pupils who are always late for school. From January late pupils will be targeted by our Attendance Officer and follow -up strategies will be in place.

FOS A huge thank you to the Friends of the school who have supported us in raising funds for our school

School Times

Breakfast Club 8.00 am—8.50 am
(door closes 8.30 am)
£1.50 per day
School starts 8.50 am
Lessons start 8.55 am
Lunch—12.00 —1.00 pm
School finishes 3.00 pm

Dates for your Diary

January 5th Pupils back to school
7th Whole school Epiphany Mass
12th Year 4 Parent Information evening
13th Year 6 Parent Information evening
13th Bags to school event
15th Miss Boyes/ Mrs Redmond's class assembly
21st Year 3 Parent Information
21st Big Sing at St Richard's—Yr 6
27th Year 2 Parent information evening
February
5th Miss Richert's class assembly
February 11th Theatre company in school
Pupils break up for mid term.
22nd Pupils return to school
March
11th Mrs Braodhead's / Mrs Duncan's class assembly
14th Year 4 Swimming assessment starts
21st Holy Week celebrations
22nd Year 3/4 Easter play for Year 3 parents at 1.30pm
23rd Year 3/4 Eater play for Year 4 parents at 1.30pm
24th Good Friday Liturgy
break up for Easter holidays
April 12th Pupils return to school after the Easter break
May Day 2nd May

Holiday Dates

Christmas
18th Dec—5th Jan 2016
Feb half term
11th—22nd February 2016
Easter
24th March—12th April 2016
May day
2nd May 2015
May half term
27th May - 6th June 2016



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Best wishes for a very happy and holy Christmas!

PA Graham