

12<sup>th</sup> May 2017



# Academy News

St Mary Queen of Martyrs VC Academy takes seriously its responsibility to safeguarding all children and adults and has a rigorous procedure in place to do so. The Academy does not tolerate bullying and deals with all forms very seriously

## Note from the Headteacher

**Polite reminder to parents:** Please do not use the staff carpark to drop off or collect children at anytime, this rule is in place for the safety of all the children, thank you.

**Year 6 SATs:** We were all so proud of how the children tackled the SATs papers. Even though some of the Maths, in particular, was very tricky they showed great determination in trying their best to resolve the calculations. They all remained very calm, purposeful and resilient. A huge thank you to the children, staff and the parents for their hard work.

**Outstanding balances:** Please ensure that all outstanding balances are paid for the Year 6 residential trip, music fees and for school meals. Thank you

## Our Catholic Life -

Our Junior Chaplaincy Team have led a thought provoking Act of Worship based on John's Gospel- Jesus is the Good Shepherd who looks after his sheep; through Him we are saved. We particularly enjoyed singing about God's saving love - google it here to sing at home with your children <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sc1wHXmXKsk>

## This Weeks Attendance

Overall attendance is:

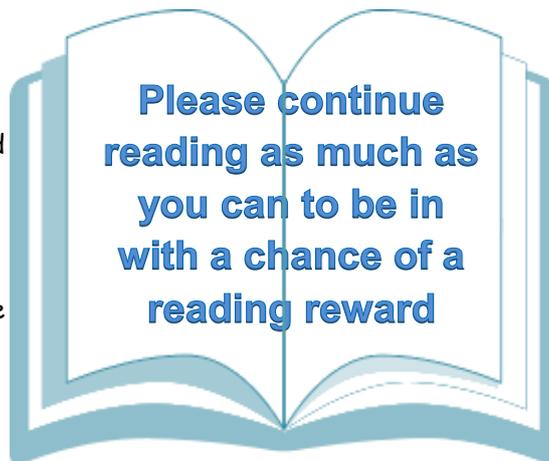
**96.73%**

Ms Read & Miss Allen's classes had  
NO lates this week

**Well Done!**

Miss Read, Mr Evans, Ms Allen &  
Mr Luscombe classes attended the  
Ice-Cream Parlour this week

Please contact the school office  
before 9 am if your child is too ill  
to attend that day, thank you.



## May

15 & 16<sup>th</sup> Yr6 Bikeability

18<sup>th</sup> Stay & Pray - Mr Luscombe's class

19<sup>th</sup> KS2 Grandparents afternoon at  
1.30pm

23<sup>rd</sup> Y6 residential meeting for parents

25<sup>th</sup> Stay & Pray - Mr Herman's class

## June

5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Y6 residential

8<sup>th</sup> Northern Ballet workshop

8<sup>th</sup> Y3 Pedestrian skills

12<sup>th</sup> Stay and Pray - Mr Guthrie's class

16<sup>th</sup> Mrs Merckel class assembly

19<sup>th</sup> Stay and Pray - Mr Evan's class

23<sup>rd</sup> Whole School Photo

Mr Luscombe's class assembly

## Foundation

What a busy week in Foundation! In FS1 we have been writing about pirates for our display. We have been getting creative making pirate collages. Outside we have continued with learning new skills and using these in races. In RE we have been watching the story of Noah.

In FS2 we have been writing about how we use electricity today and what the Victorians did. We have also created Electricity safety posters. In maths we have been looking at ways of sharing a variety of numbers. In RE we have been sharing the Good news of Jesus.

Thank you to those parents who attended our Tapestry session. We hope you found it very informative. If you feel we can help you with anything regarding your child's learning please come and speak to a member of staff. May I remind parents that we would like your child to be reading a least 3 times a week.



**Phase 1** Another week has flown by! Phase 1, as usual, have been very busy! Thank you to all the parents/relatives who attended Miss Ravencroft's 'Stay and Pray' class collective worship on Thursday afternoon. The Catholic Life of our school is very strong. We have developed our children so that they can plan and deliver collective worship with little adult support. Your children have wonderful ideas on how to celebrate God's



Word and their respect and reverence for Christ shines through in everything they do. Your children are also extremely talented at evaluating Collective Worship and talking about what was good and what they can do to improve. We are very proud of them! We also had a 'Pentecost Party' on Friday as part of our RE curriculum. The children designed a Pentecost poster, made a flame hat (to represent the Holy Spirit), they ate hot dogs, had a drink and a bun followed by dancing and playing with a parachute (to represent the wind) outside! A reminder that the home school project 'sea-farers' deadline is on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017**. Finally, we had our attendance assembly on Tuesday to celebrate children who haven't had any time off school last half term. Also, don't forget that if your child's class attendance is 99% or over for the week, they receive an ice cream from the ice cream parlour! Thank you once again for your continued support!

## Phase 2

In Phase Two this week, we have been monitoring the growth of our sunflowers and have begun to see some signs of life! Our pupils have demonstrated super gardening skills and have been very attentive to their plants - let's see what the best conditions are for growing them! In PE we have been practising our Tennis skills and applying them to team games. Thank you to all pupils who have brought their PE kits in consistently. As it is becoming warmer, please ensure all pupils bring a water bottle into school to keep hydrated throughout the day. In Literacy we have been focusing on our class read Harry Potter. Year 3 have been describing the setting of Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Year 4 have been exploring Harry's character and writing excellent character descriptions. We will share our completed versions with you next week!



**Phase 3** SATs it! This week our Year 6 pupils finally undertook and completed their SATs. We could not be prouder of the effort and determination demonstrated by all pupils during this week. We'd also like to thank parents and carers for supporting their children through this tough period and ensuring all children arrived punctually throughout the week. To celebrate the completion of the tests we enjoyed some time outside in the sun and in classrooms playing games over Thursday and Friday. In Year 5 this week the children have been incredibly busy! They enjoyed recreating the shipwreck scene from The Tempest in literacy. In RE lessons the children created

some excellent artwork linked to the gifts of The Holy Spirit. Next week promises to be a very exciting week as half of our Year 6 pupils will undertake their bikeability training while the remaining Year 6 pupils and Year 5 pupils will receive a visit from a poet.



Our amazing staff working as a team to move Foundation's extremely heavy sand pit!  
Thank you

