



# 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 our Head of School

**Bags to School** Thank you to everyone who contributed to this fundraising event. We sent off 137kg of items and this will translate into money for our school.

**Phase Grandparents Afternoon** It was lovely to welcome so many grandparents into school this week. The Year 3 & 4 children were very excited and enjoyed working on their dancing, cooking and Greek God quiz. We received some excellent feedback from our visitors. Thank you.

**Anti-bullying Day** School was a sea of blue on Friday as we recognised anti-bullying day. The children participated in activities to raise awareness. Thank you for your support.

**Remembrance** Many children have supported the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal by buying items at break time. Thank you. We were pleased to welcome so many parents and extended family members to our Remembrance Liturgy this afternoon. The children displayed great reverence as they laid their wreaths, listened to the Last Post and observed a minute's silence.

**Friends Of School** The next meeting of the FOS is on Thursday 15th November at 2pm. Christmas is on the agenda!

**Children in Need** Next Friday, 16th November, we will be having a non-uniform day to support the Children in Need appeal. Wherever possible, we are asking for a donation of 50p per child or £1 per family. Thank you.



Junior Chaplaincy Team - This week, we planned & led a wonderful Act of Worship all about the most important commandment - to love God and our neighbour. We cleverly linked this theme of love to our school Remembrance celebrations, where we marked the 100 year centenary of Armistice Day. Minnie Vinnes - We linked our 'Act of Kindness' to Remembrance by asking the children to remember those who have died during November, the month of the Holy Souls.

## Attendance

School begins promptly at 8:50 am! If your child cannot attend school because they are too unwell please inform the office by 8:50 am on the first day of absence and every day after until they return.

Well done to classes LA, CB, ME who received the best class attendance 99%

Overall school attendance for the week 96%

Date	Event
14th	Miss Read's Class Stay & Pray 2.20pm
15th	Friends of the school meeting (F.O.S) 2pm
16th	Miss Adam's Class sharing assembly 2.30pm
20th	Whole school trip to Cinema (F2—Year 6)
21st	Miss Goodby's Class stay and pray 2.20 pm
22nd	FS Craft afternoon with parents 1.30pm
28th	Miss Adams Class Stay and Pray 2.20 pm
30th	2.30 pm Mr Guthrie's class assembly
4th Dec	1.30 pm FS1 parents only Christmas play
5th Dec	1.30 pm FS2 parents only Christmas play

## Foundation Reading - Home Reading: SR—68%, AG-52%

**Word of the Week:** Remember **Rhyme of the Week:** When Santa Got Stuck up the Chimney. We have been learning about the significance of poppies this week. All the children have drawn around their hands to put on wreaths that were used in the school's Remembrance service. This week we started our new topic 'Christmas'. In F1 the children have been reading stories set in chilly places and have been looking at animals that live at the Polar Regions. They

have had great fun rescuing the animals frozen in ice. The F2 children have begun to learn our new story for this half term 'An Angel Came From Heaven'. They are beginning to do the signs so ask them to show you. In Maths we have been measuring with unifix cubes - the children measured their hands, feet, arms, legs and the length of their bodies. We have encouraged the use of tall/tallest, short/shortest, long/longest instead of big and small. They also compared three items and put them in size order - naming the size of each eg tallest, medium, shortest. This has been sent home for F2 homework.





**Phase 1 Home Reading: KA-90%, JF-89%, JH-85%** We have had a great week back. We hope you enjoyed your break with your child. We look forward to having a very busy, productive and successful half term. We will shortly begin practising for the Christmas Production called 'Lights, Camel, Action' and parts will be allocated shortly. Costume details will go out as soon as possible to give you plenty of notice too. This week Year 2 have enjoyed planning and acting out their own

version of the story 'The Papaya that Spoke'. They have also started a new book called 'Man on the Moon' by Simon Bartram and Year 1 have started 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers. In RE, we have finished our topic Baptism and we will be beginning learning about the Jewish faith next. More news to follow next week! Have a lovely weekend!

**Phase 2 Home Reading: JG-89%, CB-76%, ME-88%** We have had a great first week back from our Half Term holidays. The pupils seem to have enjoyed their time and replenished their energy storage! We have dived straight in to our new texts in Literacy and already we have had brilliant discussions on the new characters and settings. We



have moved from Greece to Italy as we begin our study on the Romans. We will be exploring their daily life and how they ran the most powerful empire in the world for such a long period of time. A huge thank you to all grandparents who attended the afternoon earlier this week to celebrate the finale of our Ancient Greek topic. The tzatziki received rave reviews!

**Phase 3 Home Reading: LA-97%, NA-90%, MN-90%**

Phase 3 have had a wonderful first week back at school. It was fantastic to see so many children dressing in blue today to raise awareness for anti-bullying week. We have started our new science topic of 'Light' by exploring where light comes from and how we are able to use light to see. The children modelled



this with wool before applying their models to create an explanation video for a science TV programme. In English, Year 6 have started to write their own independent warning story whilst year 5 are planning fantasy stories. Year 5 have also started to read their new class text of 'A journey to Jo'Burg' which the children are very excited about.