

20<sup>th</sup> Jan 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

We will be having a non-uniform day on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> to raise funds for our twinned school - Empowering Schools. We will be charging £1 per child or £1 per family. As you will know from today's letter Mr Guthrie and Miss Tindall are travelling to Sierra Leona on February 13<sup>th</sup> to support teaching and learning.

**Attendance:** We are trying lots of strategies at school to improve our attendance. We do understand that children are sometimes ill, but it is vitally important that you ring the school to explain that your child/children will not be in school. Unfortunately, our attendance needs to improve as our target is 97% and we are falling well below that. You can help us by ensuring your child attends school every day. Thank you

**PE:** Today some of the children had a super PE day at Ennerdale Sports Centre. I received a call this afternoon from one of the organisers to congratulate us on our excellent behaviour. Well done children!

**Warning:** Please ensure all valuables in your car are hidden when parking in the church car park or surrounding areas. Unfortunately, one of our parents had damage done to her car and items taken this morning.

## This Weeks Attendance

Overall attendance is: **94.8%**

Classes with NO lates:

Miss Boyes/Mrs Onn

Mr Evans

Ms Read

Class attending the ice-cream parlour this week is:

**Miss Richert's class AGAIN**

Well done everyone.

Let's try for even more next week!

Home Reading			
SR	67%	NR	57%
JC	52%	JG	<b>33%</b>
HR	59%	DL	71%
AB/MO	55%	LA	59%
JH	<b>81%</b>	SB	70%
ME	53%		

## January

20<sup>th</sup> Mrs Allen Class Assembly

23<sup>rd</sup> Yr 6 hospital visit

24<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 hospital visit

## February

7<sup>th</sup> Safer Internet Day

10<sup>th</sup> Miss Richert Assembly

## March

1<sup>st</sup> Ash Wednesday

2<sup>nd</sup> World Book Day

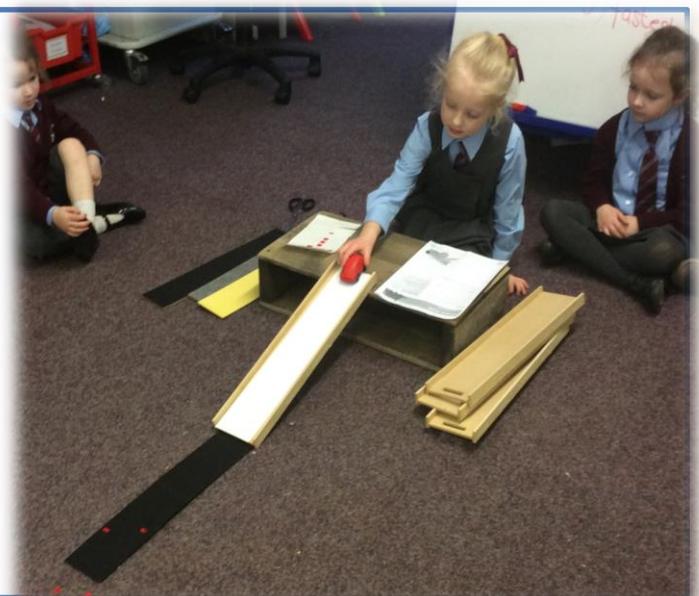
7<sup>th</sup> Yr 4 swimming

assessment

Save the Date!

## Foundation

In FS2 this week we have been writing sentences using the 'past tense' linked to our text The Train Ride. We have put our writing up on our display. In P.E. we have been using the parachute to play lots of different games. We have completed a science experiment by testing different types of materials for cars to travel on. In FS1 we have been using different materials to create collages. We have been learning lots of new songs linked to Transport and Journeys.



## Phase 1

The weeks are just flying by! Year 1 have been enjoying acting out Little Red Riding Hood in their Literacy lessons. They have thought up their own actions to the story. Why don't you test them to see how much they remember? In Year 2, the children have been on another dragon hunt. This time they were pretending to be like Steve Backshall from the BBC programme Deadly 60. They had to make notes on different types of dragons spotted around the school. Together we managed to spot a fire dragon, an ice dragon and even a sand dragon!

We are continuing to enjoy our topic Kings and Queens and we have been developing our skills in history by ordering a timeline. In order to promote reading in the phase, we have organised a visit to Bransholme Library. Each child has an opportunity to become a library member if they wish. All you have to do is complete the library form attached to the letter we have sent out this week. Please return your permission letter as soon as possible. As always, many thanks for your continued support. More Phase 1 news to follow next week!



## Phase 2

In Maths lessons this week, we have been focusing on geometric shapes including different triangles and quadrilaterals. We were able to sort shapes using Venn diagrams and Carroll diagrams and talk about their properties! Our Big Maths testing has begun and we are practising every day to improve and beat our score!

In R.E. we have been studying who is part of our community and who has different roles in our Parish. We acted out a T.V. interview to draw attention to the different roles and how people show their commitment to God.

Can we please remind all pupils to ensure they have their full P.E. kit with them as we do indoor and outdoor P.E. every week, despite the cold weather! We are looking forward to seeing the amazing homework from our budding Scientists over the weekend. Well done to Miss Richert's class yet again on their amazing attendance result!



## Phase 3

It has been a very productive week in Phase 3! Miss Allen's class have been incredibly busy rehearsing and performing their excellent class assembly. We hope those of you who were able to attend fully enjoyed it.

Within topic lessons we have continued our study of the world by focusing on the countries of North and South America. Next week we will begin studying The Amazon Rainforest which is one of the most unique places on Earth! Year 6's new class read "Journey to the River Sea" by Eva Ibbotson links excellently to this part of the world. Next week Year 6 pupils will be visiting Hull Royal Infirmary to learn about injury minimization.

