



# 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

## Message from the Headteacher

We are delighted to inform you that the children have settled very well into the new term and are working really hard. We started the term with a whole school mass to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady's birthday and it was an apt start to ask Our Lady's blessing on our school as we start the new term.

Thank you so much for preparing your children so well for the new term, they all look so smart and organised with their PE kit and their indoor shoes. Please ensure all school uniform and PE kit is labelled clearly with your child's name and class. Our school is looking bright and fresh, the previous staffroom is now a classroom and we have made 'The Cave' into a staffroom. The new changes will make a better learning environment for our Year 5 children. A huge welcome to our new FS1 children and all the new children to our school. We hope they will have very happy, successful time and enjoy their school days.

Year Group	Attendance		Lates
	Last week %	Since Sept %	Last week
F2	98.6	98.3	1
Year 1	99	98.8	3
Year 2	95.2	96.1	1
Year 3	97.9	98.5	1
Year 4	97.7	97.4	0
Year 5	96.2	97.1	0
Year 6	98.2	98.4	0
<b>School</b>	<b>97.5</b>	<b>97.8</b>	<b>5</b>

## Dairy Dates

### September

26<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Reflection Day  
28<sup>th</sup> Eden Camp visit - Phase 2

### October

5<sup>th</sup> Vision screening FS2  
7<sup>th</sup> CAFOD family fast day  
13<sup>th</sup> Theatre company - Health & Anti- Smoking  
Drop In for parents in Phase 2 -9-11am  
14<sup>th</sup> Drop in for parents in Phase 2- 9-11am  
Harvest Festival - 2:15 pm  
19<sup>th</sup> African Arts afternoon  
21<sup>st</sup> Break up for half term  
30<sup>TH</sup> Mr Herman class assembly

### November

11<sup>th</sup> Mr Guthrie's class assembly



Home Reading			
SR	50%	NR	39%
JC	45%	JG	36%
HR	64%	DL	84%
AB/CR	59%	LA	59%
JH	72%	JD/SB	47%
ME	32%		

## Foundation

Our foundation children have made a really good start to the new term. Our topic is 'All about me'. We have been talking about ourselves and our families and what they mean to us.

We have been building houses in the construction area and made some out of various materials.

We have been doing lots of work around 2d shapes, including shapes in the environment.



## Phase 1

Welcome back to a new school term! Phase 1 pupils have settled in very well and are enjoying our new Africa topic. The pupils have already learnt about the oceans that surround Africa and interesting facts about Sierra Leone. Last Friday all Phase 1 pupils took part in African dance workshops which they thoroughly enjoyed!

In year 1 the children have been writing all about themselves and in Year 2 the pupils have been learning how to write instructions.

A few reminders: homework is to be given out on a Friday and returned on a Tuesday please. Every child in Phase 1 is expected to read at least three times per week to be signed by an adult. Please return your child's reading book on a Thursday and a new one will be given out every Friday to begin with. Many thanks!



**Macmillan Coffee Morning**

For staff and parents at 9 am

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Sept**

Please donate any cakes/buns or just come for a coffee

Thank you

## Phase 2

What an excellent start to the term we have had in Phase 2! Our classrooms are full of Hull Blitz memorabilia and it is very exciting to be learning all about World War 2. Our trip to Eden Camp is planned for Wednesday and we are looking forward to seeing all pupils dressed as evacuees for the trip!

In R.E. we have been learning about People and Jesus' family tree. We have had seated members of his family and explored how precious family is to us.

In Literacy we have been working on description of settings, particularly to do with Blitz scenes. We have been focusing on the basic spelling rules too - for our Diamond challenge we had people making tutorial videos to help apply our spelling rules!

A reminder that Homework is due to be handed in on a Tuesday and we thank you for your efforts with this! We look forward to seeing you wave off your evacuees on Wednesday!

## Phase 3

Welcome back! We're very pleased with how our pupils have settled into their new classes, groups and routines. The pupils have started their 'Heroes and Heroines' topic and have already learnt about the history of our city and have begun to study some of Hull's heroes. Within RE Year 6 have been learning about unconditional love (this has included lots of interesting discussions and role play work) while Year 5 have been studying the topic 'Ourselves'.

A few reminders: homework is to be given out on a Thursday and returned on a Tuesday. Spellings are also given out on Thursday and it is important that a copy of these is kept at home until the following Thursday which is spelling test day. Every child in Phase 3 is expected to read every night and write a personal comment specific to the book they are reading. Finally please ensure that your child has their PE kit all week and ensure that shorts are blue or black and without any logos. Many thanks!

