



# 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 Interim Head of School

**Empowering children school:** We have received more lovely photographs this week of the children in Freetown receiving their exercise books and wearing their new uniforms: they all looked so happy!

**Bags to School:** Thank you to everyone who contributed to our fundraising event: we appreciate your efforts.

**Staff car park:** We have had several safety incidents this week when parents have used the car park when dropping off children in the morning. Please remember that unless you have a prior arrangement with the school, only staff members may use the car park. Also, in the interests of the children's safety, pedestrians should use the footpaths to enter the school site not the car park. Thank you for your co-operation.

**Team points:** The winning team this week is St Mary. Well done. Keep up the good work everyone.



Our Catholic Life - This week, the Junior Chaplaincy Team helped us to think about the immeasurable nature of God's love for through an extremely thoughtful liturgy based on the parable of the 'Workers in the Vineyard'. The children were encouraged to show love and generosity to one another through prayer, song and dance!

## Attendance

This week, attendance is: **95.6%**

**Mrs Clark's, Miss Adams and Mr Evans classes all had NO lates this week.**

**Mrs Merkel's class attended the Cake Shop this week for excellent attendance**

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

## Home Reading

HH	76%	SB/MO	45%
JC	<b>95%</b>	ME	34%
KA	22%	LA	79%
CM	64%	NA	70%
SR	35%	JH	93%
JF	50%		

Date	Event
Oct 6 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm Mrs Broadhead & Miss Onn's Class sharing assembly
12/13	9-11am Parent drop-ins
13 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm Harvest Festival
16 <sup>th</sup>	Parents evening 3.15 - 6.30pm
17 <sup>th</sup>	Parents evening 3.15 - 5.30pm
20 <sup>th</sup>	Miss Read's Class sharing assembly
26 <sup>th</sup>	FOS after school disco
27 <sup>th</sup>	9.10 am Mass School Closes for Half term
Nov 6 <sup>th</sup>	School Re-opens
9 <sup>th</sup>	9.10 am Mass in school
17 <sup>th</sup>	Miss Allen's assembly 2.30 pm
21 <sup>st</sup>	Whole school cinema treat
Dec 14 <sup>th</sup>	9.10 am Mass in school

Please ensure your child/children read at least 5 times a week and bring their completed reading records to school every day. The Home Reading percentages above reflect the amount of children that are currently reading at least 5 times a week and bringing their completed reading record into school for checking.

**Foundation** Christmas performances are: **7<sup>th</sup> Dec at 1.30pm for FS1 parents,**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Dec at 1.30pm for FS2 parents**

Another week over in Foundation! In FS2 this week we have been creating acrostic poems around our topic of Space. We then put our poems to music and performed them in front of everyone. In Maths we have been learning about 2d shapes and their properties. We

have been sorting shapes and using them to create space pictures. In FS1 we have been very creative making alien pictures by blowing paint and adding googly eyes to them. The children have been learning about the letter 'a' and all the things which begin with this letter. The new children to Foundation have been listening to instrumental sounds. Please remember to inform a member of staff if another adult is picking up your child. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend.





## Phase 1

We have really enjoyed our week in Phase one. The children really enjoyed junk modelling as a part of their topic lesson. They recreated human features of Hull such as The Deep and The Humber Bridge. We also enjoyed a marvelous day trip to The Deep on Thursday. We all enjoyed the 'Under the Sea' workshop and exploring sea life - especially the sharks! Your children are a credit to our school and the coach driver commented to Mrs McIntosh on how well behaved the children were! Our own 'Deep' cloakroom area is looking fabulous with all the home school projects you have sent in. Thank you for your support with this. We will be posting a picture of our display area next week. Thank you also to those parents and carers who have committed to reading with your child every day at home. Your support really does make a difference to your child's progress in reading. It's been great to see so many 'golden readers' with their medals this week.

Phase 1 Christmas performances are: 12<sup>th</sup> Dec at 1.30pm for Yr 1 parents, 13<sup>th</sup> Dec at 1.30pm for Yr 2 parents  
Year 1 & 2 Christmas Craft Day - 18<sup>th</sup> Dec



## Phase 2 Christmas Craft Day: Years 3 & 4 - 11<sup>th</sup> December

Another week has flown by. The children's behaviour has been fantastic, both inside the classroom and during break times. This has meant that so much has been learned! We have moved on to solving addition problems in maths.

The children are progressing using our gem structure and have really impressed us, whether that is by solving ruby challenge sums or diamond challenge problem solving. The way they are applying themselves and their skills has been a pleasure to see. It is not just during maths that our children are excelling, they are producing great work across the curriculum. Our dance choreographers continue to create a real artistic treat with their mountain themed dance moves in PE. The many fantastic artists in our phase are using artistic vocabulary to describe their sketches. We have been a little bit abstract and have placed our school in the foreground and Mt Fuji in the background! The children will be creating masterpieces of Mt Fuji by the end of the half term. We can't wait to see them.

## Phase 3 Yrs 5/6: Christmas Craft Day: 8<sup>th</sup> Dec, Carol Service: 15<sup>th</sup> Dec, 1.30pm

It's been a great week in Phase 3! In English lessons Year 5 have been studying non-chronological reports while Year 6 have been studying balanced arguments. There has been some great debating taking place - particularly around whether animals should be kept in captivity. In maths lessons Year 5 have been refining their rounding skills while Year 6 have been developing their written calculation skills. Also in Year 6 the children have loved using the website Timestable Rockstars to aid with their tables. Erosion has been the geography theme of the week. It's been amazing to see how rapidly parts of our local coastline have been disappearing into the sea! In science lessons investigations have been

conducted around air resistance using parachutes of varying sizes. Finally we'd like to congratulate Mr Hermann's class on a great class assembly. All children did themselves proud and contributed towards an exciting performance. I'm sure they are grateful for Mr Hermann for all his time and effort!

