



# 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

## School Lunchtime Staff Required

**1½ hours per day- if you are interested please enquire at the school office.** The FOS (Friends of the School) had a meeting this week to decide how they could best spend the FOS funds to support your children. This will be documented later by the FOS committee, but I would like to say a huge thank you to them for supporting us with recent events. The Hallowe'en disco raised £472. 30 and the Toy & Book Sale raised £167. 61. The staff and the parents raised £66.79 for the Macmillan Cancer coffee morning. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

It was a pleasure having the Phase 3 parents in school on Wednesday, hopefully the sessions will help you with supporting your children at home. A little nudge about registering and completing the questionnaire on Parent View. Thank you

Year Group	Attendance		Lates
	Last week %	Since Sept %	Last week
F2	96	97.4	1
Year 1	92.5	96.5	4
Year 2	96.8	96.7	2
Year 3	94	97.2	1
Year 4	93.1	96.5	2
Year 5	91.8	96.4	3
Year 6	99.5	98.2	1
<b>School</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>14</b>

Home Reading			
SR	95%	NR	42%
JC	68%	JG	31%
HR	50%	DL	84%
AB/MO	66%	LA	74%
JH	81%	JD/SB	63%
ME	46%		

### November

- 7<sup>th</sup> Parents' Evening 3.15- 6.30pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> Parents' Evening 3.15pm - 5.30pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> British Tea Party 1.30 Phase 2
- 11<sup>th</sup> Mr Guthrie's class sharing assembly
- 17<sup>th</sup> Flu vaccine programme- Yr 1,2 &3
- 18<sup>th</sup> Mr Evans class sharing assembly
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Whole school treat to Cineworld
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Phase 1 'Drop- ins' 9-11am
- 24<sup>th</sup> Phase 1 'Drop-ins' 9-11am



### December

- 6<sup>th</sup> FS2 Christmas play @ 1.30pm
  - 7<sup>th</sup> FS1 Christmas play @ 10am
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Phase 3 Christmas carol concert
  - 13<sup>th</sup> Phase 1 Christmas play - Yr 1
  - 14<sup>th</sup> Phase 1 Christmas play - Yr 2
  - 15<sup>th</sup> Christmas lunch
  - 15<sup>th</sup> Mass at school
  - 16<sup>th</sup> Christmas liturgy at 2.00 pm
- School closes for Christmas holidays.

### January

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Return to school

## School Council report

Over the last few weeks we have settled in well to doing our weekly duty time table, where we help look after everyone on a lunch time. Everyone knows who we are as we wear our high- vis waistcoats.

We feel the word of the week is going very well and everyone is trying hard to achieve them. There are lots of names written in the role-model award book, which is brilliant. Lots of children have written on our Pot of Gold wishes poster too to give suggestions on how we can improve our school. We will be looking at these ideas next term to see if we can make some of them come true!



## Foundation

What a lovely week back we have had. We have started our new topic of 'People who help us.' This week we have been looking at people who help us in school. The children have had the opportunity to talk to lots of members of staff to discuss their jobs and what they do to help us all.



Today we have all been creating Bonfire pictures using chalk. FS2 children have been learning how to use money in the shop & FS1 children have been singing lots of new songs this week to help them with their learning.



## Phase 1

The pupils have had a really fun week this week. They have settled back into the term very well and as always, are very eager to work! In maths we have been learning about multiplication and dividing in year 2 and in year 1 we have been adding and taking away. In literacy we have been learning about how to write shape poems. We talked a lot of about appropriate adjectives to describe fireworks and bonfires and we used our senses to think about what we can see, hear, smell, taste and touch.

On Friday all the children in Phase 1 had an African drumming day. The children worked with Mrs Kundo in the hall and learnt how to play African drums. They thoroughly enjoyed it!

## Phase 2

What a busy week we have had in Phase 2! On return from our half term holiday, we have settled back into lessons swiftly and are producing some amazing work! In Maths we are focusing on units of measure including money.

In ICT we have been focusing on using Scratch which is a coding program. We are working towards animating characters in our own computer games! Coming towards the end of our Teeth topic in Science, pupils have asked questions to a local dentist to inform their understanding. Some of their posters for the Dentist's waiting room are amazing!

Phase 2 are hosting a 'British Victory Tea Party' which will be next Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> November at 1:45pm. All parents are very welcome to attend and look at our fabulous work on the Hull Blitz!

## Phase 3

A big thank you to everyone who managed to attend our drop-in morning on Wednesday. We had some very positive feedback about how this would help you when working at home with your children. In Topic lessons, we have been learning about conditions on a slave ship: the children were fascinated and shocked. We have continued to read, "Beowulf" in Literacy this week and used it to inspire our description of a setting. In Science, the children carried out an experiment to demonstrate how we see things.

A reminder that the deposit for the Year 6 residential trip was due this week.

