



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

New Junior Chaplains Congratulations to Ewan Whitehead, Megan Petherbridge, Aaron Peacock, Olivia Bennett, Finley Blount, Daisy Hicks, Mason Briggs and Amelia Prajsnar who were all commissioned this week. They will work closely with Miss Onn to prepare liturgies and assemblies for the whole school.

Apostleship of the Sea Thank you for all donations received so far for our seamen's appeal. There is still time to contribute any of the following items: shower gel & soap, toothbrushes & toothpaste, shaving foam & razors, notepads & pens, combs, gloves and boiled sweets.

Christmas Cards As you know, the tradition in our school is not to send individual Christmas Cards but to send one card to the whole class. We ask that the money that would have been spent on cards, is donated to CAFOD. This year we have decided to put all the money donated towards purchasing medical outreach. We need to raise £300 and phase totals will be displayed in the hall. Thank you for your generosity.

Quiz A group of our children have participated in the first round of the "Making a Difference Quiz". Two teams from school and one team from each of our parishes took part. The children prepared by brushing up on their general knowledge. Three teams have qualified for the second round which will be held in the new year. Congratulations and very well done to everyone.

Memory tree In our entrance, we have a memory tree. This is so we can remember at this special time, all out our loved family and friends who are no longer with us. Please feel free to fill in a card and hang it on the tree.



Junior Chaplaincy Team - This week we commissioned our new Junior Chaplaincy Team at a special reflection day at the Marist. We shared in a wonderful day with all the other new junior chaplains from across St Cuthbert's Academy Trust. Meanwhile, our existing team planned & led a fantastic Act of Worship all about the feast of Christ the King. **Act of Kindness** - Remembering that Christ was a servant king, sent to lead us in the ways of love, our Mini Vinnies reminded us to bring gifts to stuff hats for our brave seafarers.



Attendance

If you do not provide a reason for your child's absence, he/she will receive an unauthorised mark for the day. An accumulation of unauthorised marks within a term may result in a penalty notice fine.

No class will receive best class attendance this week.

Overall school attendance for the week 95%

It is trust wide to scrutinise attendance to ensure that all pupils can fulfil their potential.

Date	Event
2nd Dec	St Mary QoM Church Christmas Fair 12 pm
4 Dec	1.30 pm FS1 parents only Christmas play
5th	1.30 pm FS2 parents only Christmas play
10th	Year 5 & 6 Christmas Craft Day
11th	1:30 pm Year 1 parents only Christmas Play
12th	1:30 pm Year 2 parents only Christmas Play
13th	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Craft afternoon
14th	1.30 pm F.O.S gift wrapping
	Y5/6 Carol Service in Church 1:30 pm
17th	Phase 1 Christmas Craft Day

Foundation Reading - Home Reading: SR-45%, AG-35% Rhyme of the

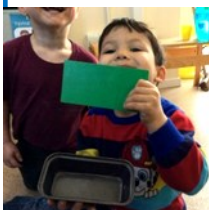
Week: Away in a Manger **Reminder:** Please remember our Nativity on Tuesday 4.12.18 at 1.30 is for F1 parents and on Wednesday 5.12.18 at 1.30 is for F2 parents.

We have to split the sessions for fire regulations. We are all getting so excited to perform our Nativity to you next week. We have been practising our lines and songs; thank you so much to the parents who practised their lines and 'Away in a Manger' with their children. Here we all are practising our songs together. The F1 children have been learning about 2D shapes this week. They have enjoyed going on a shape hunt to find shapes in the



environment. Ask your child to look out for circles, squares and triangles. Great fun was had this week after the rains in the mud areas. I'm sure you noticed the mud on your laundry! If you wish to learn more about why mud play is important for children please click on the following link or google it - there are so many benefits of playing in mud; not least on your child's health. Happy muddy weekend!

<http://www.communityplaythings.com/resources/articles/2016/the-benefits-of-mud-play>



Phase 1 Home

Reading: KA-90%,
JF-93%, JH-89%

Phase 1 have had an action packed week. In Maths, Year 1 children have been



learning about 2D and 3D shape and Year 2 are really impressing us by adding 2 digit numbers such as $58 + 25$ and subtracting numbers such as $63 - 27$. In English, Year 1 are busy writing stories based on the Magic Porridge Pot. Year 2 are learning how to write instructions and they had a great time making jam sandwiches and drawing out the instructions. They are now learning how to write instructions on how to trap a Stone Giant! In RE, we made a Christingle and learned what Christians do to think of others and prepare themselves during Advent as we wait for the birth of Jesus. Our school production practice is going really well and we are looking forward to performing it to you very shortly! Please remember to send costumes in this week. Finally, some of our Year 1 and 2 children have been enjoying after school cookery club on a Thursday. More places will be available after Christmas. Enjoy the weekend!

**Phase 2 Home Reading: JG-68%, CB-79%, ME-100%**

It has been a great week in Phase 2. We began with testing in Maths and Literacy. The pupils approach tests with great enthusiasm because they know it is their chance to show off all that they have learnt. There were some very impressive results. In Maths, Year 4 explored the perimeter of rectangles while Year 3 continued with their multiplication. There have been some brilliant character descriptions produced in Literacy. In

Science, the classes have been testing rocks using a range of methods while in Topic we have become builders as we designed and built Roman bridge and aquaduct structures. Well done to Mr Guthrie's class for a fantastic class assembly and thank you to all who attended.

**Phase 3 Home Reading: LA-97%, NA-83%, MN-72%**

Phase 3 have had another wonderful week. We are very busy practising our singing in preparation for our carol concert. We have been creating our periscopes in science and carrying out investigations into refraction. In Maths, Year 5 have been learning about prime numbers whilst Year 6 have been converting fractions into percentages. In RE, we have started our Advent topics. Year 6 are learning about

expectations and Year 5 about hope. Recently, we have seen huge improvements in the speed the children are able to answer times tables questions after using Times Table Rockstars at home. As a result we have set up a phase 'Battle of the Bands' with Year 5 battling Year 6 all next week. Who will win the battle? Find out next week!

