

5<sup>th</sup> May 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

**Section 48 Inspection:** We are delighted to inform you that we received a 'Good' overall for the RE inspection but we received an 'Outstanding' grade for the Catholic Life of the school. A huge thank especially to our RE Leaders - Mrs Duncan & Mrs Broadhead who worked tirelessly, but also to our fantastic staff team, pupils and parents.

**SATs week:** The SATs are going well so far and we are very proud of the Year 6 children and their efforts.

**Stay & Pray:** Thank you to the parents who have been supporting our Stay & Pray. It is a delightful experience to see your children participate in Collective Worship. Please try to join us for Mr Luscombe's class - Stay & Pray on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May.

**Bring a summer flower to plant:** We would like to brighten up our courtyard area and outside areas by planting summer flowers. Please bring a planting flower to school from Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Parents welcome to help with the planting. Please phone the office if you are interested.

## Our Catholic Life -

**Pentecost:** This week in RE the children having been learning about Pentecost. Please talk to your children about this wonderful feast and test their knowledge and understanding.

## This Weeks Attendance

Overall attendance is:  
**97.1%**

Mrs Merckel and Mrs  
Broadhead/Ms Onn's Classes  
had NO lates this week

Well Done!

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

Home Reading			
SR	81%	NR	48%
JC	43%	JG	41%
HR	48%	DL	71%
KM	30%	LA	81%
ME	57%	JH	84%
SB/MO	70%		

## May

11<sup>th</sup> Stay & Pray - Miss Ravenscroft Class  
15 & 16<sup>th</sup> Yr6 Bikeability  
18<sup>th</sup> Stay & Pray - Mr Luscombe's class  
19<sup>th</sup> KS2 Grandparents afternoon  
23<sup>rd</sup> Y6 residential meeting for parents  
25<sup>th</sup> Stay & Pray - Mr Herman's class

## June

5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Y6 residential  
8<sup>th</sup> Northern Ballet workshop  
8<sup>th</sup> Y3 Pedestrian skills  
12<sup>th</sup> Stay and Pray - Mr Guthrie's class  
16<sup>th</sup> Mrs Merckel class assembly  
19<sup>th</sup> Stay and Pray - Mr Evan's class  
23<sup>rd</sup> Whole School Photo  
Mr Luscombe's class assembly

## Foundation

We have had a very busy week in Foundation this week. In FS 1 we have been creating treasure maps. In phonics we have been creating rhyming words. Our new children have been listening for sounds in the environment. Outside we have been having sack & egg and spoon races. We have been using coins to help with adding during maths. During RE we have been talking about who keeps us safe.

In FS2 we have been writing captions to put up on our display. In maths we have been learning how to share. We shared out the sweets and when we had shared them equally we could eat them. In RE we have been learning about Pentecost. We have been making streamers for the wind and fire.

Next **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm** we are having Tapestry session for parents. If you would like to know more about how we use Tapestry to support with your child's learning please come along. Tea & coffee will be provided.



## Phase 1

Phase 1 have enjoyed making puppets and acting out the story of Pentecost in their RE lessons. Thank you to the parents who attended our parent and child PE afternoon on

Tuesday. We hope you now have lots of good ideas of physical activities you can do with your child inside and outside. It is Miss Ravencroft's 'Stay and Pray' class collective worship on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May**.

Parents/carers/relatives are invited into school to celebrate our Collective Worship together. You will be receiving an invitation from your class with more details. The home school project 'sea-farers' deadline is on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017**. Finally, a reminder to please ensure your child continues to read regularly at home. Thank you, as always for your support.



## Phase 2

Another incredibly busy week for Phase 2! In Science, as this week's homework shows, we are studying the unit Plants. We have already begun to investigate changes over time by planting sunflower seeds and planning how to track the growth of it. We have also decided to grow our sunflowers in different environments to be able to make comparisons at

the end of the Summer term. We hope you have fun investigating the growth of plants and vegetables in your homework! In RE, we have been studying Pentecost. Our main focus is how the Holy Spirit brings courage and what that feels like. We have also been

looking at how the Apostles spread the Good News and why they did this. Our literacy lessons have been focusing on poetry and our pupils have produced some amazing pieces of work, not to mention their work on Statistics in Maths too! It has been non-stop! Thank you to all of our pupils who have been superbly behaved this week, have a brilliant weekend!



## Phase 3

It's been another busy but exciting week in Phase 3! Year 6 have continued to study hard in preparation for their SATs next week. They did however enjoy a welcome break from revision when they watched a performance of Tom Palmer's book 'The Last Try' on Wednesday afternoon. The book has been commissioned by Hull Libraries and is based upon Jack Harrison - the Hull FC legend who lost his life during The First World War. The performance was excellent and particularly moving.

Year 5 have had a busy week also. They have continued to focus upon newspaper reports in literacy lessons and have produced some interesting pieces.

We'd like to congratulate Miss Allen's class for their excellent Stay and Pray afternoon, particularly those who led the liturgy. We hope that those of you who attended enjoyed their afternoon.

Next week promises to be another busy week as the Y6 SATs will be taking place. We wish our children the best of luck for all of their tests.

