

# St Mary Queen of Martyrs

Voluntary Catholic Academy

# Newsletter

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Year Group	Attendance		Lates	
	Last week	Since start of year	Last week	Since start of year
F2	86.20%	94%	3	79
Year 1	95.50%	96.40%	9	49
Year 2	94.50%	96.70%	3	71
Year 3	96.20%	97.20%	5	98
Year 4	96.10%	96.90%	6	83
Year 5	96.50%	97.30%	4	79
Year 6	91.70%	95.50%	9	157
<b>School</b>	<b>93.80%</b>	<b>96.30%</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>616</b>

## School Times

Breakfast Club 8.00  
am—8.50 am

(door closes 8.30 am)  
£1.50 per day

Children to be on the  
playground at 8.45am

## Dates for your Diary

### February

9th Brass concert at 1.15pm  
Year 3 & 4 Hull & East Riding Museum visit.  
10th Ash Wednesday - this mass will be in the SMQOM church.  
Year 1/2—Mr Chu's visit  
11th Toy & Book sale  
Pupils break up for mid- term holiday  
22nd Pupils return to school  
23rd Author in school  
24th Year 3/4 Viking Day  
25th Whole school mass  
Chinese school dinner  
NSPCC workshops

### March

1st—Parliament Trip—Year 5  
3rd World Book Day  
8th Stanger Danger assembly pm  
10th Spring Discos FS2 & KS1 at 4.15-5.15pm KS2 at 5.30- 6.30pm  
11th Mrs Broadhead's / Mrs Duncan's class assembly  
14th Year 4 Swimming assessment starts  
Parents' evening 3.15—6.30 pm  
15th 3.15—5.30pm  
17th St Patrick's Day Irish dancing display at 2.15pm (parents welcome)  
18th End of term treat  
21st Holy Week celebrations  
22nd Year 3/4 Easter play for Year 3 parents at 1.30pm  
23rd Year 3/4 Easter play for Year 4 parents at 1.30pm  
24th Easter bonnet parade FS2 & KS1  
Good Friday Liturgy at 2.15pm  
break up for Easter holidays

April 12th Pupils return to school after the Easter break  
May Day 2nd May

### Holiday Dates

Feb half term  
11th—22nd February 2016  
Easter  
24th March—12th April 2016  
May day  
2nd May 2015  
May half term  
27th May - 6th June 2016

School closes on Tuesday, July 26th

### Attendance & Lateness

We are having a big drive at the moment on improving attendance and as you can see from the above percentages we have a bit of a way to go! Our target for attendance is 97.6%, but we are falling well behind on that figure. Please try to ensure that your child/ children come to school every day and that they are always on time. Thank-you.

### Curriculum Days

Thank you to all the parents who joined us on our curriculum days. Design & Technology —Year 5/6 -over 40 parents, Chinese New Year—Year 1/2—over 60 parents  
If you view the school's blog www.stmaryqom.co.uk you may see yourself hard at work!

## News about our school

Thank you to all the children who have already performed their class sharing assembly.

Thank you to Mrs Richert's class for a super class- sharing day on Friday! We were all amazed at the fantastic learning that they have been doing in class, but even more surprised at the very creative way that they presented their learning.

### Theatre group

We had a theatre group in last week to present the key messages on Anti-Bullying and E safety. Please talk to your children about these two important topics.

### Friends Of the School

Please note the FOS's upcoming activities  
Toy & Book Sale on Thursday 11th February  
Spring Discos—Tuesday 10th March—FS2 & KS1 at 4.15pm—5.15pm & KS2 at 5.30pm—6.30pm  
End of term treat—Friday 18th March pm

### Email system & communication

After the mid-term holiday we will be switching over to contacting you re- email. We will still be texting you, but perhaps not so much. We will be moving towards a more regular newsletter which will be emailed to you. It is important that we have everyone's email address. Parents who do not have email will be contacted either by text or will be given a paper copy. It is important that we have your email address.  
Please note that all our letters to parents are on our website.

PA Graham



St. Cuthbert's  
Roman Catholic Academy Trust

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## St Patrick's Day

To celebrate St Patrick's Day we will be having a special Irish dancing display on Friday 17th at 2.15pm. All parents welcome.



Happy St Patrick's Day

### Punctuality & Attendance Counts

Please ensure that your children are on the playground by **8.45am** as they need to be in school at 8.50 am for registration and 'Quick Maths' starts at 8.55am. We are very aware that it is the same pupils who are always late for school. Parents now have to sign if their children are late for school. Please also note that pupils returning from a home lunch need to be back in school for 12.45pm.

### Congratulations to the those children who received 'The Good Citizenship Award'.

Foundation Stage: Callum Hemstock and Ewan Whitehead

Phase 1: Eleanor Kennedy, Lucy Whitehead and Rhianna Grannon

Phase 2: Dylan Spencer, George Power and Leyton Bridgeman

Phase 3: Fran Matokovic, Millie Parker and Sophie Smith

### FSM - Free School Meals

If your child does not stay for lunch or if they are entitled to a free meal under Universal free school meals, we still need you to complete a free school meal form, especially if you think you may be entitled.

This is because we receive additional funding for all FSM pupils. A £50 Asda voucher will be given to any new parents who apply for and are entitled to FSM. The form is on the website and we can support you to complete it, if you need any help.

### Homework

We are trying hard to improve the standard of homework. We ask you to ensure that homework is done to the highest expectations and for you to check to make certain that it meets with your approval.

### Unwanted Visitors

We are having a continued problem with head lice. Please ensure long hair is tied back or braided. If headlice is reported all the children in the class will receive a letter requesting you to check your child's hair and to carry out the necessary procedure.

### Parents' Evening

Thank you to all the parents who attended our open day last term. We were very pleased with your positive comments on the school and we appreciate your thoughts on ways forward too!

**Parent's Evening -Monday March 14th 3.15- 6.30**

**Tuesday 15th 3.15 -5.30**

It is important that you find time to view your children's books as that is where the progress is judged.

### Changes to our staffing

Congratulations to Mrs Fenner who has secured a teaching position at the Greenway Academy. Mrs Fenner has young children and wants a part time role so she can spend more time with her children. We thank her for her time and dedication to our school.

She will be replaced Mrs Jenneson who is already one of our senior leaders. Mrs Jenneson has great passion and determination for the Foundation Stage and we know she will continue to do a marvellous job!

We are delighted that Mrs Allen who presently teaches at St Vincent's has been appointed as a Year 3 class teacher. She is another very strong teacher and we know her well from the time she spent with us last summer.

### Lent and sacrifice

We will be having the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confessions) on Monday 7th March.

Father Mulholland will be coming to school to do the Stations of the Cross with the Year 5/6 children during Lent.

Shortly the Travelling Cross Bags will be going out. Thank you to you all for explaining Lent to your children through the Travelling cross.