



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

Messages from the Head of School

Parent drop-ins On Monday 11th November, we will be holding our second drop-in session. The children will be doing the following subjects: EYFS Come and Read, KS1 Maths and KS2 Guided reading and English activities. Unfortunately, due to lack of space, we cannot accommodate younger children. As it is **Remembrance Day**, we will be holding our minute's silence at 11am in the hall. The drop-ins will begin straight after. Parents wishing to join us for our Remembrance assembly, are welcome to join us at 10.50am.

Children in Need On Friday 15th November, we will be holding a non-uniform day to raise funds for Children in Need. The children are encouraged to wear yellow or spots! We request a donation of 50p per child or £1 per family, see below how to pay online or bring money on the day. Thank you.

School Attendance Campaign—Every School Day Counts has now launched. Please see <http://planetradio.co.uk/viking/local/events/every-day-counts/> for the terms and conditions. Your child will be in with a chance of winning £250 plus other prizes by attending school every day in November without being late. Plus don't forget the full year 100% attendance prize from school.

RAISING MONEY
for BBC Children in Need



To donate online via ParentPay please use the link below and all donations will then be sent directly to BBC Children in Need
<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=985>

A ParentPay account is not essential to use this link, therefore please share with family and friends if they wish to donate.

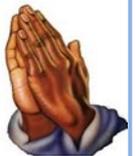


Junior Chaplaincy - Our Junior Chaplains continue to plan and lead special acts of worship based on our 'Statements to live by'. They particularly enjoyed being justice superheroes, sharing the words of Psalm 146 on how we can be 'just and fair'.

Mini Vinnies -Our new Mini Vinnies have also been incredibly busy recently. Not only have they helped to organise our harvest collection for the Foodbank; but they have been designing posters to promote our Christmas hat stuffing appeal



for the Apostleship of the Sea. **Scripture Doodle** - To complement our Godly Play sessions, Phase 2 have been enjoying weekly 'Scripture Doodle' sessions, using art to inspire prayerful meditation. **Prayer Day** -We are also looking forward to a special 'Prayer Day' planned by the Primary Chaplaincy team. During the day, we will explore the use of art, craft, song & meditation, to pray in different ways.



Attendance

EVERY DAY COUNTS

Mrs Croshaw class

best attendance

this week - 98%

Whole School

Attendance - 94%

The school day starts at 8.50 am please make every effort to be punctual.

Every minute counts

250 minutes missed this week.

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| Nov 11 | 11am parent drop-ins: F2 - Yr6 | 10 th | 1.30pm Christmas play for Y1 parents |
| 13 th | 2.20pm Miss Richardson's Stay & Pray | 11 th | 1.30pm Christmas play for Y2 parents |
| 15 th | Mrs Burke's Class assembly 2.30pm | 13 th | 1.40pm KS2 Music concert |
| 15th | Children In Need Day | 16 th | FS Craft afternoon 1.30pm |
| 18 th | BAGS TO SCHOOL | 17 th | Phase 1 Christmas Craft Day |
| Dec 3 | 1.30 - FS Christmas play for F1 parents | 18 th | Christmas dinner and parties |
| 4th | 1.30— FS Christmas play for F2 parents | 19 th | 9.10am End of term Mass and RE prizes |
| | 2.20pm Miss Marston's Class Stay & Pray | | 9.10am Citizenship Awards |
| 5 th | Christmas Fair 3-4pm | 20 th | 2pm Christmas Liturgy |
| 6 th | Phase 3 Christmas craft day | | School closes for Christmas |
| 9 th | 1pm Phase 2 Christmas craft afternoon | Jan 6 | School Re-opens |



Foundation Thank you to all the parents and families that attended the library visit yesterday - terrible weather but we had a super time. We hope you enjoyed it and are looking forward to our future literacy events. This week the children have enjoyed celebrating Bonfire Night. They made sparklers, drew fireworks and decorated Bonfire Night biscuits. We began to learn our new Talk 4 Writing story this week, 'The Story of Christmas' and already the children are showing how very talented they are by learning the actions and many of the verses.

Phase 1 We have had a busy week in Phase 1! Year 2 have been writing diary entries based on The Great Fire of London. They thought carefully about describing the scene and their feelings. Year 1 have been writing non-chronological reports about the different seasons and produced lots of wonderful work. They have tried really hard with capital letters and full stops. We have been looking at different habitats from around the world during Science week. Their knowledge has astounded us! We thought about what makes an animal or plant suited to their habitat. For homework, the children have got an experiment to carry out and make notes about their observations. We hope you have fun!



Phase 2 Phase 2 have started this half term with positive attitudes on display across all classes. The pupils have enjoyed a busy week. In our Talk For Writing sessions, the Year 3s have been learning about 'Rags to Riches' tales and have been perfecting their signifiers to ensure they know the structure off by heart. In Year 4, the pupils have studied a 'Warning' story and are now ready to build on their grammatical knowledge as they create a shared piece of writing. Our Mighty Mountains topic now moves to look at the historical elements such as a timeline of famous expeditions up the world's greatest peaks. On Thursday, the corridors were filled with the smell of bacon as we learnt all about British pork from the Ladies in Pigs team. The pupils were busy designing pork recipes, making bacon muffins and finding out why British pork is so great. The spelling rules that will be covered this half term have been sent out with this week's homework.



Phase 3 Phase 3 have had a wonderful first week back at school. In English, we are learning our new stories and have been following our story maps and using signifiers to help us to remember the plot. In topic this week we have been finding out all about the blitz and what people did in WW2 to protect themselves. We have been analysing whether these methods were effective or not. On Thursday, we were very lucky to have 'Ladies in Pigs' come into school to work with us. The ladies are both pig farmers and they taught us all about British pork. We designed posters, created recipes and even made a bacon and cheese muffin.

