



# 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

**Staffing** We are delighted to welcome Mrs Burke to our school. During the Summer Term, she will be working in Phase 2 and Foundation Stage alongside Mrs Redmond to provide maternity cover during the absence of Mrs Hewitt and Mrs Broadhead. In addition, we are delighted that Miss Goodby will be joining our school shortly to teach in the Foundation Stage, to ensure the FS2 children are Y1 ready, Mrs Clark will be delivering the core curriculum to all the FS2 children and Mrs Laws will be delivering phonics.

**First Holy Communion** Congratulations to our 15 First Communicants. The Masses last weekend in St Francis and St Mary Queen of Martyrs were very special and it was lovely to see families, children and staff all celebrating the day together. In addition, the Mass in school on Thursday was a chance for the whole school family to be part of this special time. Please keep the children in your prayers.

**Y6 residential visit** The Y6 staff and children had a superb time at Caythorpe Court. They all came home absolutely shattered but in one piece. Many thanks to the staff who organised and led the trip and to the children for their outstanding attitude and behaviour. You were great ambassadors for our school. Well done.

**Summer Term** As mentioned in the previous newsletter, we are working towards accreditation to be a Sun Safe school. Further information will be shared soon but in the meantime it is absolutely essential that children have a sun hat and sun cream to protect them from harmful UV rays. Please check the UV index and look out for our posters around the school site.

**Children's bikes/scooter** Please ensure your child's bike/scooter is removed from the school site every night, unfortunately we have nowhere secure to store them for you and leaving them on view is attracting persons onto the site out of hours, which could result in the bikes/scooters being stolen or damage to our school. Thank you.



Following the enormous success of our 'Be Spirited' day last week, the Chaplaincy Team & Mini Vinnies helped to plan & deliver a wonderful liturgy to celebrate the feast of 'Corpus Christi'. We then went on to celebrate a beautiful First Holy Communion Mass, where our new Communicants were invited to receive Holy Communion in school for the first time.

### Attendance

This week: 92%  
Unfortunately, no attendance awards this week but well done to everyone who has attended all week.  
Please try to be in school every day

### Home Reading

LA	86%	KA	54%
JH	79%	KM	79%
NA	86%	SR	96%
SB/CR	87%	HH	64%
JF	78%	JC	95%
ME	71%		

Date	Event
11th	Yr 4 swimming starts, every day 2 weeks
11th	1:30pm Y5 (JH) Visit Bransholme Library
13th	2:20 pm Mrs Merckel's Stay and Pray
15th	2:30pm Miss Adams Class Assembly
19 & 20	Y6 Bikeability—Group 1
20-22	Big Malarkey Festival—East Park
20th	Mrs Clark's class Stay and Pray
22nd	Y3 Pedestrian Skills
27th	Miss Allen's class Stay and Pray

## Foundation

Welcome back! We have had a busy week in Foundation. We have started our new topic of 'Colours'. We have started to read "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you see?" by Bill Martin Jr and Eric Carle. We have started to learn the story by using our signifiers. In Maths we have been sequencing one and two digit numbers. In our topic session we have been talking about primary colours and how we see them around the world. We have painted some of the things we talked about. In FS1 they have also been counting and ordering numbers. They have been practising for their sports day too. May I remind parents to return the slips for The Big Malarkey as soon as possible and to pay on Parent pay? Also with the weather being so nice recently, could your child please bring a hat, with their name inside, and suncream to school with them to wear when they go outside. Thank you.

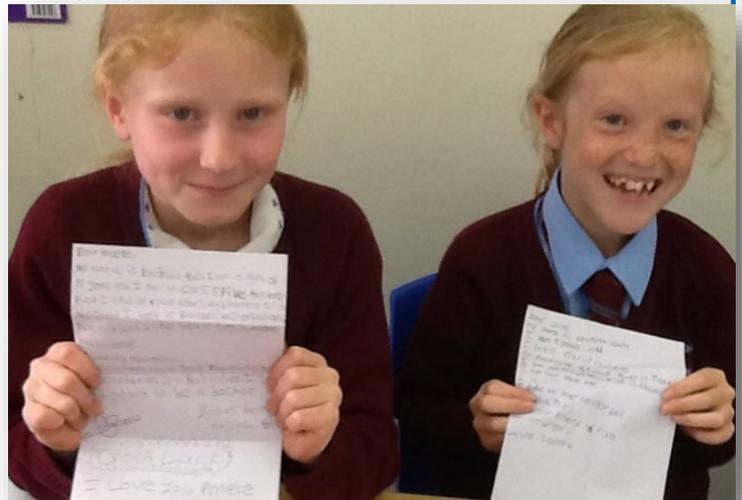




**Phase 1** Welcome back everyone! We hope you have had a lovely break with your family. We have yet another fun-packed, exciting term ahead. Please take time to read the newsletter we have sent out with key dates on it such as the upcoming trip to East Park, Grandparents' afternoon, Sports Day, transition days and our exciting trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park in July. You should have received a letter about the Yorkshire Wildlife Park Trip this week. Please return your permission slips for the Yorkshire Wildlife Park trip and the Bog Malarkey East Park trip as soon as possible. We have enjoyed our week. On Tuesday, we took part in a workshop called 'Safety Seymours' run by Northern Gas. The children learned about the dangers of carbon monoxide. It was very informative and great fun too! Ask your child what they have learned! It was lovely to share Mass together as a whole school on Thursday. Congratulations to those children who have recently made their First Holy Communion. We are continuing our topic - Carnivals around the World so if you haven't already made a home project yet, then there is always time. Thank you to those parents and pupils who have brought their headdresses and masks in - they look stunning in our locker area! Have a great weekend!



**Phase 2** It has been a fantastic first week back following the half term holiday. The pupils' energy levels have not dropped and as such they have produced lots of great pieces of work. In Literacy, Mr Guthrie's set were thrilled to receive their letters from their peers at Empowering Children School in Freetown. Already, many of the class have penned their own responses to keep the friendships going. Brilliant to see and read about how they are discussing the Sustainable Development Goals and how to reduce single use plastic. The future looks bright and clean in this generation's hands! Mr Evans's Literacy set enjoyed a trip to the library so will all no doubt be gripped by their books. Thursday's Mass was a lovely experience for all. To see so many of our phase communicants wearing their finest Holy Communion attire, acting so reverently and reading so clearly was a proud moment for themselves, their friends, family and our whole staff team. A reminder that all Year 4 pupils must bring their swimming gear and towel every day for the next 2 weeks. Exciting times! A letter will be sent next week about our upcoming Scarborough visit.



**Phase 3** What an exciting week it has been! Our Year 6 pupils have spent three amazing days on residential and have made many memories to treasure. On Monday morning, Year 6 visiting PGL at Caythorpe Court in Lincolnshire. Over the course of Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the children took part in a variety of activities: climbing, high ropes, archery, raft building, kayaking, buggy building and a challenge course. The weather was extremely kind and it was great to see the children smiling constantly over the

course of the three days. It was also particularly pleasing to see many children push themselves physically and mentally and achieve things that even they didn't originally feel they could do. We would like to thank the children for their excellent behaviour throughout the visit as well as all staff who attended for taking time away from their families to ensure the trip went ahead. Back at school, Year 5 have been extremely busy completing various Literacy based activities including drama, reading and writing, which were all linked to Shakespeare and Macbeth in particular. In Maths, the children have enjoyed

