

St Mary Queen of Martyrs

Voluntary Catholic Academy

Newsletter

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New staff

A huge welcome to Mrs Fenner who is now leading our Foundation Stage. She is a highly experienced Foundation Leader and has positively embraced the changes that we are currently making to improve the Foundation environment. We are also pleased to inform you that Miss Ravenscroft who has been a trainee teacher with us from January has also secured a teaching position for September 2015.

New website

www.stmaryqom.co.uk

Our website is up and running! All upcoming dates, events, blogs and curriculum topics are on it. We have also posted all important letters on the website.

RE Section 48 monitoring report

We had a RE monitoring inspection at the end of the Spring term. We are delighted to inform you that we received an 'Outstanding' judgement. A huge thank you to your wonderful children and our staff who really impressed the inspector.

Congratulations to our musicians

The String group achieved **1st Place** at the Hull Musical Festival. They managed to beat 17 other schools in the category (including private schools) This is the second consecutive year that we have secured first place... So no pressure for next year!

Sponsored Spell-a thon!

We are in the process of extending our school library and we would like to buy our own books rather than borrowing from the School Libraries. To help us to buy the wonderful, exciting books to entice your children into reading, we have decided to organise a sponsored spell. This will mean that your children will receive a sponsor form and a list of words to learn. They can ask members of their family to sponsor them in their mission to try to spell all words correctly. They will be tested during their English lesson on Thursday May 7th. We would like the sponsor money in before Friday, May 15th. Thank you for your support.

Revision Club

Thank you to all parents who are supporting their children in preparation for the year 6 SATs exams.

We are offering a free breakfast club to our Year 6 pupils from Monday, April 27th until Friday, May 18th. This is because we would like the pupils in early for the Year 6 SATs revision club which will start at 8.15am. Please encourage your children to attend the revision club as we feel this extra preparation will support them in their tests.

Friday Football Club

We are delighted with the large amount of children who are attending the Friday Football Club. We would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Tills and Mr Peskey who give up their own time to ensure the children get a brilliant football experience. Please ensure your children pay £1.00 each for the club. All funding goes towards the SMQOM PE curriculum.

Dates for the Diary

- 24th April Mrs Duncan's class assembly
- 28th April Yr5/6 Tri Golf—St Mary College
- May**
- 4th May School closed for May Day.
- 6th May Year 3/4 parent workshop—Ancient Greece
- 7th May Sponsored Spell
- 8th May Mrs Richert's class assembly
- 9th May Catholic Cup at St Richard's
- 11th May Swimming starts for the Year 4
Year 6 SATs week
- 12th May Netball Championships St Mary Col
- 15th May Race Night at school—FOS 7pm
- 16th May Chess competition at Wold Road Academy.
- 18th May Yr5/6 Orienteering—Costello
- 19th May International Day
- 22nd May Geography Day
- 22nd May Break up for mid term
- 1st June—Monday return to school**
- June**
- 1st/ 2nd June Year 6 Bikeability training
- 12th June Mr Spink's Class assembly
- 15th- 17th June Year 6 France trip
- 26th June Mr Hermann's class assembly
- 30th June Year 6 Little Big Assembly at SMC
- July**
- 1st July Whole school photograph
- 3rd June Year 6 Leaving assembly 1.30pm for parents
Year 6 Barbeque (parents invited)
- 6th July Transition week for SMC
- 8th Year 5 London Trip
- 9th July Reports out
- 10th July Sports Day
- 13th July Transition week WHA and Kingswood Academy
- 15th July Optional Parents' meeting
- 17th July Staff Leaver's assembly
Break up for the summer holidays
- Pupils return to school - Tuesday 8th September**



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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. You can buy a Nitty Gritty comb online for £5.99 (online price £8.99) that gets rid of the eggs just by combing! Just enter our postcode HU7 4BS as the discount code at <http://www.nittygritty.co.uk>

Year 4 Swimming

Swimming starts for the Year 4 pupils on May 11th. Please ensure your children are prepared for swimming lessons with their costume and a towel in a plastic bag.

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 will be contacted by our Attendance Officer if their children are continually late to school. Please also note that pupils returning from a home lunch need to be back in school for 12.45pm.

Pupils Premium for FS

We are now able to claim funding for pupils whose parents are entitled to FSM. Please return the form as soon as possible to school so the children can benefit from this additional funding.

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.

School Uniform and other things!

Thank you for ensuring that your children wear full school uniform to school. Lately we have noticed that a few are coming to school without their ties. If you would like to purchase another tie, you can do so from the school office for £3.00. We are a no jewellery school and ear-rings are **NOT** allowed to be worn in school under any circumstances. Thank you for your support with the home school agreement.

Early Excellence in the Foundation Area.

We are planning to spend a large amount of funding on our Foundation area, so that we can further improve the provision. Plans are in place to increase the outdoor capacity, to fence the perimeter of the area, to increase storage and resources. We are also re-designing the whole of the Foundation zone. We would like you to be involved in our planning, especially if you have an eye for design.

Can you help with planting?

We have a number of bedding plants that need planting in the week beginning the May 11th. Please contact the office if you can give up an hour to help us plant.

Book Fair

A huge thank you to all the parents who purchased books from the Book Fair. Because of your purchases we managed to obtain £215 of new books for our library.

Race Night

Friday 15th May—don't forget!

Summer curriculum

Please visit our website www.stmaryqom.co.uk to view the latest summer curriculum that your child will be learning. Parents are very welcome to support us in the delivery of our curriculum.

First Confession and First Communion

We are delighted to inform you that 15 pupils from Year 4 are in the process of making their First Communion.

Their First Communion will take place on Sunday 7th June. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.