



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

Notes from our Head of School

Y5 Trip to London On Wednesday this week, a large group of our Y5 children and staff enjoyed an extremely successful and enjoyable day in our capital city. I appreciate it was a very early start, so thank you for getting your children to the station on time. There were many highlights on the day - check our Twitter feed if you haven't had chance already. As well as visiting famous landmarks, the children saw famous faces: Theresa May was just leaving on her way to the Houses of Parliament as the children reached Downing Street; Diana Johnson, the MP for Hull North, spent time with the group in The Palace of Westminster, answering questions and explaining her role. The train journey home was brightened by the presence of Jonny Vegas, who posed for pictures, signed autographs and happily chatted to children and staff. Certainly a day to remember! The children's behaviour was exemplary throughout. Well done.

Bags to School Thank you for your donations of clothing and textiles for recycling. The weight of clothing collected was 44kg, which will convert to cash for school funds.

Phase 3 Grandparents' afternoon It was great to see so many Grandparents getting involved in bridge building with their grandchildren on Thursday. I know for some, it will be their last such visit as some of the Y6 children are the last in the family. Thank you for your support over the years.

Y6 Bikeability This year, a new group of trainers came to our school and they were extremely impressed with our Y6 pupils. Although the weather during the majority of sessions was terrible, the children just got on and worked hard. The feedback after each session was very positive, praising the attitude and behaviour of the whole group. Well done

KS2 Musicians Next Wednesday, many of our KS2 instrumentalists will be visiting St Mary's College to participate in musical workshops. Please ensure you have returned the permission slip and remember to send a packed lunch - or request one from school if you are entitled.

School Orchestra There will not be any more rehearsals on a Tuesday evening for the rest of this term. They will resume in September, when all instrumentalists will be expected to attend.

Soccer Aid Unicef 2019 Everyone enjoyed completing obstacle courses and having fun to raise money for this important cause. Thank you for the donations: £100 was raised.

Sports Days Let us hope that the sun shines next week for our Sports Days. On **Wednesday 19th starting at 1.30pm**, the **EYFS** children will have the opportunity to display their sporting skills. On **Friday 21st**, the children from **Y1-Y6** have their turn. The children will be getting into their teams at 10am and we hope to be ready to start the day by 10.15am. If you would like to take photos, please ensure you have completed a form agreeing to our school policy on the taking of photographs at special events. If you completed a form last year, it is still valid. Stickers will be issued on the day so that everyone is aware who has permission to take photos. Anyone not wearing a sticker will be challenged. We need to be prepared for whatever the weather, so please check the weather forecast on the day and prepare your children appropriately. Visitors intending staying for the day are welcome to bring a picnic and sit on the field over lunchtime as in previous years, refreshments will also be available on day to purchase.

Y6 Residential On Monday, a group of Y6 staff and children will set off for a 3 day residential visit to Caythorpe Court in Lincolnshire. Please refer to the kit list to ensure that the children have everything they need for a successful and enjoyable visit.

