



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

Directors Last week, some of the directors of the St Cuthbert's Trust spent time in our school. Following the visit we received a card congratulating the staff and children of our school. Well done, everyone.

Stay & Pray It was wonderful to see so many parents/grandparents at Miss Adams' Class Stay & Pray this week. Thank you for coming out on such a miserable day to participate.

Year 6 SATs Our Y6 staff and children have been working extremely hard all year and now it is time for the children to show how much they have learned. Thank you to our parents for supporting their children at home and ensuring they attend boosting. There will be no boosting next week but Breakfast club will be free to all Y6 children from Monday to Thursday so the children can spend time with their friends and teachers before the tests begin.

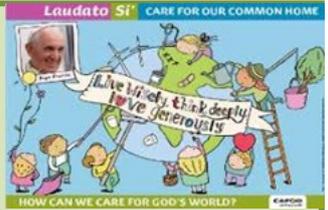
Sierra Leone At the end of next week, Miss Goodby will be flying to Sierra Leone to spend time in our partner school, Empowering Children. She is looking forward to meeting the staff and children and finding out more about their school. I am sure she will have lots to tell us in the next newsletter.

Bun sale On Friday 17th May, there will be a bun sale at morning break time to raise money for our Summer trips and activities. Please can KS2 provide the buns, which will be available for all classes.

Netball The netball team finally started their league matches this week after having to cancel several matches due to bad weather. They played 2 matches against Endsleigh and won the first 7-2 and the second 5-0. They are in action again next week against Sutton Park and Clifton. We wish them luck.



As part of our Lenten preparations, we held a special environmental mission day in school. Responding to the call of Pope Francis' encyclical, 'Laudato Si', we looked at big questions concerning how we can care better for our world and each other - putting love for our common home and love for our neighbour ahead of greed and wealth. Our younger children helped us to recognise the beauty in God's World; while the older children researched how we are harming our world and solutions to help us care for it better. Inspired by the St Oscar Romero's motto, 'Aspire not to have more, but to be more', we created our own save the world statements and made promises to help look after God's World on our finger print prayer tree. We will be looking at how we can put our promises



into action, when we will be working towards achieving CAFOD's 'Live Simply' award. Our Mini Vinnie team are really looking forward to leading this!

Attendance

**The trust attendance target is 96%
Every day matters in school.**

If you do not provide a reason for your child's absence, he/she will receive an unauthorised mark for the day. An accumulation of unauthorised marks within a term may result in a penalty notice fine.

305 learning minutes were missed this week due to lateness.

School begins prompt at 8:50 am!

13-17 May	SATS week—good luck Year 6
15th	Mr Evans Stay and Pray 2:20 pm
16th	Mr Guthrie's class Library visit
	2pm EYFS Grandparents afternoon
17th	2:30 pm Mrs Burke Class Assembly
20th	Yr 5/6 Orienteering at Costello 1-4 pm
22nd	Mr Guthrie Stay and Pray 2:20 pm
23rd May	Family Bingo Night in school 5-7 pm
24th	Mrs Croshaw's Class Assembly 2:30 pm
	Half Term begins 3:00 pm
3rd June	Return to School



reading by making sheep. This half term the F2 children have been learning about King Alfred the Great and how he defeated the Vikings. They have been making lots of Saxon shields and swords. The F1 children are learning the values of numbers to 10 and how to instantly recall the different Numicon pieces. We have all enjoyed our Science lessons where we have been learning about flowering plants and what they need to grow.

Foundation Word of the Week: Unfortunately **Rhyme of the Week:** The Queen of Hearts **Reminder:** Thursday is Grandparents afternoon - please look for your invitation in your grandchild's reading bag. In our Collective Worship this week we have all listened to the story of The Lost Sheep and as you can see, the children chose to respond to the Gospel





Phase 1 Where is the half term going? It's racing by! Year 1 are busy practising their phonics ready for their screening check in June. Please continue to work with your child at home. Year 2 are due to start their SATs testing the week commencing 20th May. We would

appreciate it if you could reassure your child that the tests are nothing to worry about. It would really help if your child gets plenty of sleep that week so they are refreshed and at their best. Also, attendance that week is very important. Please avoid any appointments if possible and try to make sure your child attends school during the testing period. Thank you for your support with this. In Science, we have been busy learning about different types of plants and we have even planted our own sunflower seeds! Our locker area is beginning to look good - thank you for all your China home school projects so far. Keep them coming! The children are really enjoying the topic so far. Enjoy the weekend! Let's hope the weather improves!



Phase 2 In Phase 2, our keen mathematicians continue to develop their problem solving skills to answer the questions on fractions and decimals. We have been blown away by the standard of lots of the independent hot tasks that have been completed this week. We have some professional fable writers in our midst! On Friday afternoon, Mr Guthrie's class skyped a school in Northern Italy as

part of their Empatico Fellowship work. This was the opening of a 2 month project during which they will be sharing their learning journeys as they explore the Sustainable Development Goals. Next week, Mr Evans and Mr Guthrie's classes will be visiting Bransholme library as we continue to promote the enjoyment of reading!

Phase 3 Phase 3 have had a very busy start to the summer term. We have started to study our new topic entitled 'Our HULLtimate City' by looking at how Hull has changed over a number of years. As part of this topic, we have also been exploring graffiti art and Banksy's art in particular. We have created our own industrial style backgrounds and used stencils to create images. Some Year 5 children were also able to take a river cruise down the Humber on the Yorkshire Belle, where they learnt all about the river, looked at the structure of the Humber Bridge as well as singing and writing sea shanties. In science, we have been testing materials to find out their various properties to enable us to carry out some investigations shortly. Year 6 have been very busy revising for their SATs tests next week. They have worked extremely hard- we are very proud of them and wish them lots of luck.

