



# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

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**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS (Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May – 11am)** We are looking forward to a very special celebration this weekend, when 19 of our children will be making their first Holy Communion during Mass at St Mary's Church this Sunday. Please pray for them and of course come along and celebrate with them if you are able.

### **ST ANNE'S CATHEDRAL – MEETING WITH THE BISHOP**

Three of our Y6 pupils (Samantha, Carmella and Iris) went to Leeds today to take part in a celebration with lots of other Catholic schools for the fundraising efforts made during Lent for the Bishop's charity, Catholic Care. Our pupils gave Bishop Konstant a cheque for **£1,333** which is the total raised by St Mary's for this charity since September. Mrs Foster took them to McDonald's as a special treat on the return journey!



**DANGER CURRICULUM WEEK** Next week all children will be taking part in a variety of planned activities from within our Dangerous Curriculum. We are sure the children will enjoy all the things we have planned for them, all of which have been risk

assessed and approved through the Local Authority. **Activities will include:** FS..... Running in the Rain & Holding a Spider! Y1.... Washing-up and Making Toast! Y2..... Filtering Dirty Water and Sewing Your Name, Y3..... Washing a Car and Catching an Egg Y4..... Learn UK Monarchs & 5 UK Rivers & Write Your Name in Nails, Y5..... Make a Catapult & Learn to Tie Knots, Y6.... Burn a hole in Paper using a Magnifying Glass & Change a Light Bulb.

**RUGBY FESTIVAL** Some of our children will be taking part in a Tag Rugby festival on Monday morning next week.

**Y6 BIKEABILITY SESSIONS** Our Y6 children are taking part in Bikeability. This is over the course of today, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and is part of a programme to help children develop their cycling skills and road safety awareness.

**SATs UPDATE** Our Y6 children did absolutely fabulously last week as they did their tests in Reading, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation, Reasoning and Maths. The papers have all gone off to be marked and we should get the results back around the middle of July. Please continue to support and encourage our Y2 children as they do their statutory assessment tasks. The Y1 children will be doing Phonics Assessments in the week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> June.

**BANKFIELD MUSEUM (3/4L and 3/4R)** The children will be doing workshops with staff from this museum next Tuesday. The contribution of £5 per child is to cover the cost of the staffing and activities in the workshops.



**FASHION SHOW** The PTA were very pleased with the **£528** raised at the Ladies Fashion Show last week. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets and came along. By all accounts it was a good evening and lots of people came away with some fantastic bargains. Definitely one to be repeated!

**SUMMER FAYRE** The Summer is upon us and the PTA Fayre is only 7 weeks away. The committee will be starting to think about the details of this event immediately after the half-term break and would really like to get as many volunteer helpers identified as early as possible. We will need people to help prepare, set-up, run and tidy away the stalls. We will also need helpers in the kitchen, on the door and gates etc. If you are able to offer help to the PTA, who raise money solely for the benefit of all the children in school, please give your name and contact details to the School Office. Thank you.

**PLAY FOR DAY (Y6)** (26<sup>th</sup> May) The Y6 children will be aiming to learn the words and staging for a whole Play, 'The Next Stage' starting in the morning from scratch, on Friday next week. They will be showing the results to parents and children at the end of the day (2.45pm). All welcome!



**ST MARY'S CHALLENGE (15<sup>th</sup> June 2017)** Most of our Y6 and Y5 children have been invited to take part in a 6.5 mile sponsored walk on the above date. They will be taken to All Saints' College in Huddersfield in the morning and will walk with their teachers and other staff (as well as any parents who would like to join us) from there to St Mary's – hoping to arrive just after lunchtime. A Poster will start appearing all over school next week and we will be sending all Y6 and Y5 children a



Sponsorship Form and details about a 'Virgin Money Giving' website for the collection of donations. The children will be raising money for Alder Hey Children's Hospital, which serves families across the whole of the north of England. More details will follow after half-term, but any support you can pledge would be wonderful!

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Stmaryshx>

**ORIENTEERING (Y6)** Our Y6 pupils will be doing some exciting activities in People's Park on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June. They will be using their map skills, reading and cooperative skills to search for clues and find treasure!!! Sounds fantastic!



**GOODBYE** Mrs Gordon has worked at St Mary's since September 2006. She has recently been offered a full time teaching post at Old Earth Primary School and will be leaving us at the end of the Summer. We will miss her greatly of course but we also wish her lots of happiness and success in her new challenge and thank her for all she has done for the children and community of St Mary's.

**VACANCY – KS2 Teacher (Full Time & Permanent) commencing September 2017.** If you or someone you know might be interested in applying for this exciting opportunity to work in our very special school please feel free to ask for an Application Pack from the School Office from Wednesday next week. The deadline for applications is **Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> June (12pm)**. Visits to the school are very much encouraged.

**ATTENDANCE** Well done to Mr Chapman's class for achieving near perfection over the last fortnight! Also to all classes over 97%, which is our School Target.

**TAXIS** If you and your child/children are being dropped off or picked up at school by taxi, please do not instruct the driver to come into the car par, unless you have arranged this previously with the School Office. Thank you.

CLASS	Attendance 1.5.17 – 12.5.17
REC	91.6
1/2M	96.8
1/2D	94.2
2H	95.6
3/4L	94.6
3/4R	93.1
4TG	97.5
5AB	97.4
5B	97.5
6C	99.4
6F	97.8
<b>School Average</b>	<b>95.5%</b>

### **HOLIDAY**

A reminder that we break for the half-term holiday on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May and children will return to school on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June.**