



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS 2017 It was wonderful to be part of the special day for our children. Thank you to Fr Martin, Deacon John and the parishioners of St Mary's for making the children feel so welcome and treasured. Thank you to the Catholic Club for the snacks afterwards!

FEAST OF ST PETER AND PAUL (29th June) Fr Martin will be celebrating Mass in school on this feast day for the Church. All our friends, parishioners and parents are very welcome to join us at **2.15pm**. We are keen to stress to everyone, even non-Catholics within the school community, that anyone may attend. There is no expectation for you to take an active part in the liturgy. You can simply sit at the back and watch if you feel more comfortable doing that.



S48 INSPECTION The school was visited on Wednesday and Thursday last week by a Diocesan Inspector. The inspection focussed on the Religious Education and Faith



Life of our school. The report will be published soon and for the moment we are not allowed to confirm the judgements made, but we can say that we feel the inspection, though rigorous, was fair and has recognised many of the wonderful things we do at St Mary's.

SLEEPOVER The children in Y2 enjoyed a very special night last Friday as they had a Sleepover in school! A big thank you to the staff who organised and supervised this.

SWIMMING TOURNAMENT – (Friday 16th June) Our Y6 and Y5 children will be taking part in a Swimming Tournament at Halifax Baths on Friday. They will be competing against other Catholic and Church Schools in the LA. We wish them lots of luck!

CHARITY WALK FOR ALDER HEY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL – (Thursday 15th June) Around 60 of our Y6 and Y5 children will be doing a Sponsored Walk this week from All Saints' Catholic College at Bradley Bar to St Mary's. This walk is a distance of about 6.5 miles (quite a distance for 10 and 11 year olds). We would like to raise as much money as possible for Alder Hey and ask you to help us do this by either sponsoring children directly on their Sponsor Forms or by donation money online via the following link.....



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

For Information: We found out recently that some of the children who were hurt in the Manchester terrorist incident have been treated at the hospital. **Our target is for this effort is £1000.** It would be truly wonderful if we could get anywhere close to this. Thank you for your support.

SWIMMING TOURNAMENT (Friday) Children in Y5 and Y6 will be in action at Halifax Pool on Friday this week, competing against 5 other schools. Unfortunately we are only able to take a maximum of 14 children so most of the places went to Y6 children (who will not have another chance next year). Nevertheless we are very grateful to all the children in Y5 and Y6 who put themselves forward for selection.

QUARRY BANK TRIP Year 3&4 children are visiting Quarry Bank Museum today and tomorrow. They are learning about life as Victorians, as part of their topic for this term.

NSPCC ASSEMBLIES The children in KS1 and KS2 will be hearing about the work of the NSPCC on Wednesday this week in their KS Assemblies. They will also be given appropriate information about their civil and human rights as children and how they can protect themselves from harm.

FOUNDATION STAGE 2017 PARENTS' MEETING Parents of children coming to St Mary's in September have been invited to attend this information session with Miss King and Miss Evans on Wednesday 14th June. This will be an opportunity for you to get to know the staff who will be responsible for your teaching your child when they start school. There are no appointments – just come along when it is convenient.



MAIN GATE – BARRIER INSTALATION Work commenced over the weekend on our new security barrier and should be fully completed by the end of the week. We hope this doesn't create too many inconveniences for parents dropping off or collecting children, or for others visiting the school through the day. At the same time, we hope you will understand that the benefits of being able to better control entry to the carpark will far outweigh the inconveniences caused. In particular, we are keen to prevent people walking through the main vehicle entrance when this entrance is designed only for road vehicles to use. Mixing the two types of user is not safe!!

GIRLS TEAMS IN ACTION Our U11's will be taking part in both a Cricket and a Football Tournament next week. We wish them success!

SPORTS DAY (Date Changed) We will be holding our annual Sports Week events in the week commencing 26th June. However **Sports Day itself has been moved to Monday 10th July**. KS2 will have their events in the morning and KS1 will be in the afternoon. There is no alternative date possible unfortunately, so if we have to cancel it because of bad weather there will be no Sports Day at all this year.

PTA SUMMER FAIR (Saturday 8th July 11am – 2pm) Please do all you can to support this annual event. All money raised will be used by the PTA to help provide our school with lots of 'extras' across all year groups, that we would not otherwise be able to fund. In particular, we need people to volunteer to run stalls, set up tables and help clear up afterwards. Contact members of the PTA of the school office.

SUMMER CAMP Mr David Hymas has volunteered to organise a Multi-Sport Summer Camp during the first week of the Summer holidays. There will be limited places available and these will be allocated on a first-come first served basis. The flyers for this provision will be sent out via all classes on Wednesday. No advanced bookings will be taken until Wednesday this week and **MUST** be made directly with the school office **ONLY**.

CLASS	Attendance 22.5.17 – 9.6.17
REC	92.6
1/2M	97.9
1/2D	96.2
2H	93.0
3/4L	95.9
3/4R	97.0
4TG	99.4
5AB	99.0
5B	94.7
6C	94.3
6F	91.8
School Average	95.5%

ATTENDANCE Winners this time are 4TG with a few classes coming up very close behind. Well done to everyone who is above our school target of 97%.

FILM NIGHTS There is a KS1 Film Night on Friday 23rd June and a KS2 FILM NIGHT on 30th June.

TO FILL A SPACE.... Y2
Sleepover on Friday last week! Children saying their prayers before going off to sleep! ☺

