



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 the Headteacher

Miss Boyes leaves: We are very sad to say goodbye to Miss Boyes who leaves us on Wednesday, 15th February. She has been a wonderful teacher and is so popular with the children and the parents. Miss Boyes hopes to set up her own business and we wish her every success in her future career. Miss Boyes will be replaced by Mrs Merckel (who has worked at the school previously). Mrs Merckel will be working full time as a Year 2 teacher.

Mrs Monahan leaves: We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Monahan who leaves us on Friday, 17th February. Mrs Monahan has been at the school for 29 years, as a teacher for 23 years and as a 'Safeguarding Leader' and a 'Learning Link' for 6 years. She has been a strong support for our more vulnerable pupils because of her nurturing personality and her caring ways. We wish her every happiness in her retirement. Mrs Monahan will be replaced by Mrs Kelsey who will be working full time as a 'Safeguarding Leader' and a new Secretary for the 'Friends of the School'.

A big thank you to both members of staff who have made a significant difference to the lives of our children at St Mary Queen of Martyrs.

This Weeks Attendance

Overall attendance is very low at:
94.78%

Classes with NO lates:

**Mr Evans, Ms Read, Mr Luscombe,
Miss Richert and Mr Guthrie**

No Class attended the ice-cream parlour this week

Please ensure you phone the school office on the morning of your child's absence.

Home Reading

Congratulations to:

FS and KS2

Miss Read's class **86%**

KS2

Mr Hermann's Class **88%**

Feb 17th - Half term return 27th Feb
March

1st Ash Wednesday
Stay & Read at 1.30pm (Miss Read's class)
3rd World Book Day celebration
7th Yr 4 swimming assessment
8th Show case - Aboriginal Art at 1.30pm
9th Phase 2 - Learning Day about Hull's history and the Blade.
10th HR class Assembly
31st Irish dancing display at 2.15pm

April

4th Phase 2 Play Yr 3 parents @1.15
5th Phase 2 Play Yr 4 parents
5th Easter Bonnet parade 9.30 am
6th Whole school mass am
Easter Liturgy at 2.15pm
6th Break in for Easter Holidays

Foundation

This week we have been learning a new form of art. The children have really enjoyed creating their own masterpiece using bread, milk and food colouring. When the children had finished painting the bread it went into the toaster and the children enjoyed it as a lovely morning snack.

In Maths the FS2 children have been learning subtraction. We used a variety of different counting resources to make the subtracting a little bit easier. The children have also been learning subtraction using their fingers.

In Literacy we have been looking at a new text 'Journey'. The children have used their imagination to create their own story. It has been really fun listening to the children's ideas for the journeys next adventure. We have had a fantastic time in the snow. The children have learnt a lot about changes in the weather and what causes it to snow. The children used pencils to try and write their names in the snow.



Phase 1

We really enjoyed our castle building afternoon with parents and families this week. It was great to see so many of you supporting your children and together you created some masterpieces! Many thanks for the wonderful home school projects too. The children received a small treat for making the effort at home. Our locker area looks great and is filled with lots of different sized castles! The children have really enjoyed our Kings and Queens topic. Why don't you test them on their history knowledge - they know a lot! Last Thursday, Miss Onn's class enjoyed taking part in a class Collective Worship and once again, it was lovely to see so many parents and family members join in. Thank you for taking the time to come into school and see parts of our Catholic life. Just a general reminder about PE kits - please ensure your child has a full kit suitable for indoor and outdoor use and ensure your child has suitable footwear. Many thanks for your support.



Phase 2

Phase 2 had a very busy week! We celebrated our topic Triple Trawler Disaster with the Trawler and Tea afternoon. We were accompanied by the guest of honour Mr Ernie Bilocca, the son of Lillian Bilocca our local hero. The children had the chance to ask him questions about his inspirational mother. We have also awarded prizes for the home school project. We would like to thank all the parents who supported their children at making the amazing trawlers and joining the afternoon activities, we are very proud of all the children's work. On Friday, Miss Richert's class had their sharing assembly. Thank you to all of the family members who were able to join us and well done to the children for such a great performance, you have made Miss Richert and the whole school proud! We have also started Matilda rehearsals. It is very exciting to watch all the children being so engaged in singing and performing.



We would appreciate it if all the children who received their parts, practiced at home over the half term break. Finally this week, we have said our farewells to Miss Tindall and Mr Guthrie, who flew to Sierra Leone. They have been chosen to support teachers and children at Empowering Children School in Freetown. We are extremely grateful to all of the children who have donated digital equipment and stationary to help our friends in Africa.

Phase 3

It has been another busy week in Phase 3! Firstly we'd like to say how impressed we have been by the quality of homework that has been returned this week. It's been great to see children take pride in their homework and producing unique

pieces. Mr Luscombe's class enjoyed taking part in an Indian puppet workshop on Tuesday afternoon. The children learnt a lot and had produced some amazing puppets by the end of the afternoon. Finally we'd just like to remind you that your child must have an indoor and outdoor PE kit at school at all times. An increasing amount of children have not had the appropriate kit on their given PE day. Many thanks.

