

St Mary Queen of Martyrs

Voluntary Catholic Academy

Newsletter

March 2016

Contact Information
Nidderdale
Hull, HU7 4BS
Tel: 01482 825625
E-mail: admin@st-
maryqom.hull.sch.uk
web: www.stmaryqom.co.uk



Year Group	Attendance		Lates
	Last week	Since start of year	Last week
F2	93.50%	94%	1
Year 1	91.80%	95.90%	6
Year 2	97.10%	96.70%	1
Year 3	96.30%	97.40%	4
Year 4	97.70%	97.30%	3
Year 5	96.00%	97.10%	5
Year 6	98.50%	95.80%	2
School	95.84%	96.24%	22

School Times

Breakfast Club 8.00
am—8.50 am

(door closes 8.30 am)
£1.50 per day

Children to be on the
playground at 8.45am

Dates for your Diary

April

12th Pupils return to school after the Easter break
13th Badminton club starts
14th Whole school mass
Swimming Assessment for Year 4
18th Friends of the school meeting at 3pm
22nd St Georges Day—pupils to dress up in red & white

May

May 2nd May day (off school)
6th Dental check whole school
9th Year 6 SATs exams
16th & 17th Sion Mission in school s part of 'Be Spirited' week
23rd May: SATs tests—Year 2
26th Whole school mass
26th Phase 1 parents invited to school to make vehicles
Mr Boland (site supervisor) retires
Mid- term holiday

June

June 6th Return to school
9th Whole school mass
13th Year 4 swimming starts
15th Kingswood Trip—Year 6
17th Year 6 pupils return form Kingswood
20th & 21st Year 6 Bike ability training
24th Swimming ends
29th St Peter & Paul mass at SMQOM church

July

July 5th Induction day at St Mary's College
6th Year 6 leaving play
11th Transition week for St Mary's College
18th Transition week for Winifred Holtby & Kingswood
21st Leaver's mass
22nd School summer Fayre at 3pm
25th Theatre company—
26th Break up for the summer holidays

May Day 2nd May

Easter

24th March—12th April 2016

May day

2nd May 2015

May half term

27th May - 6th June 2016

Attendance & Lateness

We are having a big drive at the moment on improving attendance and as you can see from the above percentages we have a bit of a way to go! Our target for attendance is 97.6%, but we are falling well behind on that figure. Please try to ensure that your child/ children come to school every day and that they are always on time. Thank-you.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

We are all delighted with the Year 3/4 performance of 'Joseph and his amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.' This very highly polished show demonstrated the wonderful dancing, drama, teamwork and singing of these multi - talented children. The show was indeed a true joy to watch. Again, a big thank you to our wonderful Year 3/4 staff team for their patience, endurance, attention to detail and their very high expectations of performance. The DVD should be available the first week back after Easter and they will cost £5.00 each.

News about our school

A fantastic London experience

The Year 5 children had a wonderful outing to London. Although the weather was not favourable, the experience of spending time in the capital city was not spoiled. The children spent time in the Houses of Parliament, went on a river cruise, watched the changing of the guards and visited 10 Downing Street.

Author in school

The pupils all enjoyed the author—David Lawrence Jones. He did a wonderful presentation on his life as a child which we feel inspired our children to write. He also discussed stimulus and motivation behind his writing. Many of the children had opportunities to purchase his books. We also bought a considerable amount of his books for our school library.

Friends Of the School

The FOS are in the process of planning a ' Summer Fayre' on July 22nd.

We are hoping this will be a huge event with all proceeds going to St Mary Queen of Martyrs Friends of the school. The children will be very much involved in experimenting with enterprising projects to sell at the Fayre.

The next meeting will be April 19th. We would like as many of our parents as possible to be involved in the planning of this big event.

Year 6 Residential trip to Kingswood

We are disappointed that the France trip had to be cancelled, but delighted that the pupils will have alternative residential trip to Kingswood Activity Centre. Please ensure that the trip is paid in full by April 18th.

Thank you for supporting our curriculum days

Year 3/4 Viking day

Year 1/2 Chinese craft afternoon

Year 5/6 Design & Technology afternoon



St.Cuthbert's
Roman Catholic Academy Trust

Newsletter

March 2016

Polite Parking We have had complaints recently about impolite parking on Cranham Grove which is the street just opposite the school. This is a residential area and the residents are very angry about parents blocking their garages whilst dropping off their children. If possible try to find alternative places to park, rather than Cranham Grove.

No Dogs

Dogs are not allowed on the school premises for health and safety reasons. Thank you for adhering to our Academy rules.

Punctuality & Attendance Counts

Please ensure that your children are on the playground by **8.45am** as they need to be in school at 8.50 am for registration and 'Quick Maths' starts at 8.55am. We are very aware that it is the same pupils who are always late for school. Parents now have to sign if their children are late for school. Please also note that pupils returning from a home lunch need to be back in school for 12.45pm.

Extreme haircuts

Please ensure that boy's hairstyles are suitable for school. Fashion hairstyles that are tightly shaven on one side are not suitable for school. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

FSM - Free School Meals

If your child does not stay for lunch or if they are entitled to a free meal under Universal free school meals, we still need you to complete a free school meal form, especially if you think you may be entitled.

This is because we receive additional funding for all FSM pupils. A £50 Asda voucher will be given to any new parents who apply for and are entitled to FSM. The form is on the website and we can support you to complete it, if you need any help.

Homework

We are trying hard to improve the standard of homework. We ask you to ensure that homework is done to the highest expectations and for you to check to make certain that it meets with your approval.

Unwanted Visitors

We are having a continued problem with head lice. Please ensure long hair is tied back or braided. If headlice is reported all the children in the class will receive a letter requesting you to check your child's hair and to carry out the necessary procedure.

Breakfast Club and Lunch time bills.

We have an increasing amount of parents who are **not** paying their breakfast club and lunch time bills. Unfortunately the school does **not** have the funding to pay these bills and we are asking you all to ensure these bills are settled as soon as possible.

Please see me if for whatever reason you cannot afford to pay your bill and we can put a payment plan in action.

Changes to our staffing

Mr Boland is retiring on Friday 27th May. He has been at the school for nearly 11 years and been a caretaker in schools for nearly 21 years. He has been a wonderful, dedicated caretaker and has been very much part of many exciting changes to our school. We have put an advert out for a new caretaker, so please pass the word around if you know anyone who would be interested and have the skills to fill this very important position. It will be advertised in the Job Centre and on E-teach website next week.

A big welcome to Mrs Allen

Mrs Allen replaces Mrs Jenneson who is our new Foundation leader. Mrs Allen starts with us officially after the Easter holidays and she will be based in Phase 2 with year 3 and 4. She comes with excellent references from St Vincent's Academy. We are very excited about her joining our staff team and know she will be a strong team member.

Easter celebrations at St Francis of Assisi

Holy Thursday at 7pm

Good Friday 3pm—the Lord's Passion

7pm Burial of the Lord

Holy Saturday—8pm Vigil

Easter Sunday

St Francis—9.30am

SMQOM—11am