

St Mary Queen of Martyrs

Voluntary Catholic Academy

Newsletter

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Best wishes for a happy and a healthy New Year from all the staff team at St Mary Queen of Martyrs. A huge congratulations to Mr Evans and his wife on the birth of their second child Huey Alexander and Mrs Broadhead and her husband on the birth of their daughter, Lydia Rose.

New website

www.stmaryqom.co.uk

Our website is up and running! All upcoming dates, events, blogs and curriculum topics are on it. To support learning at home, we have inserted some good links to support with Maths and English.

Fantastic News

We are delighted to inform you that we have just received the **Quality Mark** for our school. We had a rigorous assessment on our commitment to the basic skills of Maths and English. Our report is also on the website.

A review of our school

As you know we haven't had Ofsted since March 2012 and we are keen to find out from an external source how we are performing as a school. Because of this, the Governors have agreed a review of the school by the Local Authority. This will take place on Thursday, 5th and Friday, 6th February. There will be four inspectors reviewing our school.

Ofsted inspectors and the Local Authority need to know how the parents feel about the school. You can express your views by registering with Parent View (<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>) and completing a very simple questionnaire. There is a link through our website! Thank you for your support.

School Uniform

A huge thank you for ensuring that your children returned to school in January with full school uniform. They all look so smart and clean. Please make certain long hair is always tied back. We are a no jewellery school and ear-rings are NOT allowed to be worn in school. Thank you for your support with the home school agreement.

Universal school meals and 50p dinners

Hull City Council have been working with us to make our dining experience more varied and more enjoyable. The pupils now have three choices of the types of dinners to eat.

- ◆ Traditional dinner with vegetarian option
- ◆ Bistro option—Baked potato with a variety of fillings
- ◆ Plated sandwiches with salad

We have had a huge uptake in dinners and plated sandwiches prepared by our cooks. We are now averaging 230 dinners a day. The dinners and the plated sandwiches represent very good value for money and they are healthy and tasty. If your child has not tried a hot dinner or a plated sandwich yet, please encourage them to do so!

School Times

Breakfast Club 8.00 am—8.50 am
(door closes 8.30 am)
£1.00 per day
School starts 8.50 am
Lessons start 8.55 am
School finishes 3.00 pm

Dates for your Diary

January 20th Year 5 Parents' Information Evening
28th Open Day for all parents
30th Miss Boyes' class assembly
February 4th Year 4 Parents' Information Evening
10th Father Mulholland in to explain the Stations of the cross
12th Whole school mass
12th Esafety theatre performance at 2.30pm—Parents welcome
13th Miss Tindall's class assembly
13th Close for mid term
23rd Back after mid-term holiday.
March 3rd Year 3 Parents' information Evening
6th Mr Evans' class assembly
16th Sacrament of Reconciliation
17th Year 1 Parents' Evening
23rd Palm Sunday celebrations
24th Puzzle challenge Day -end of term activity.
25th Year 3/4 Easter Play—Dress Rehearsal 9.30am. Easter play for the parents at 1.30pm.
26th Whole school Mass & Last Supper liturgies
27th Easter Egg & Easter bonnet competition judging
Easter Liturgy at 2pm
Break up for Easter holidays
April 14th Return to school—start of the summer term
4th May School closed for May Day.



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France trip

The second meeting for the Year 6 France trip is Wednesday, 21st January after school. It is important that you attend this meeting to understand the procedures for the trip.

Up to date Information

Emergency contact is vital. If you have moved house, changed your phone number or changed your emergency contact number, please inform the office immediately.

Places for F2 in September 2015

We have a few places left for FS2 (Reception) for September 2015. Please ask around if you know anyone who may want a place. We know they will be snapped up quickly.

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 will be contacted by our Attendance Officer if their children are continually late to school. Please also note that pupils returning from a home lunch need to be back in school for 12.45pm.

New Curriculum

We have already have information meeting for Year 6 and Year 2. The next information meeting is for the Year 5 Parents. It will take place on Tuesday, 20th at 3.00pm and your children will be looked after. The meeting will be approximately 30 minutes. Feedback from the parents has noted that these meetings are very useful so we do urge you to attend please.

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 the claiming form for Free school meals if you think you may be entitled. This is because we receive additional funding for FSM pupils. A £10 WHSmith voucher will be allocated to any new parents who apply for and are entitled to FSM.

Engagement with parents

We are having an **Open Day on January 28th**. This means that you are all invited into school to see a working day. You are allowed to wander around the school and pop into any classroom. You may want to just come for an hour or just for the afternoon or the morning. You are also invited to stay for lunch. You will be asked to complete a quick questionnaire on your view before you leave. We will be sending you a letter next week with a reply slip so we can gauge how many parents will be visiting!

Early Excellence in the Foundation Area.

We are planning to spend a large amount of funding on our Foundation area, so that we can further improve the provision. Plans are in place to increase the outdoor capacity, to fence the perimeter of the area, to increase storage and resources. We are also re-designing the whole of the Foundation zone. Any suggestions from parents would be more than welcome.

Wednesday Word

The pupils in Key Stage 2 have been receiving a copy of the 'Wednesday Word'. It gives a quick resume of the following Sunday's gospel and related activities to complete. Please read the gospel with your child and talk about its meaning. We will be asking for your thoughts on its worth as the term progresses.

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.

Pupil progress meetings

Several parents will be contacted to attend a pupil progress meeting. Please ensure that you attend these meetings with the Headteacher and the Assessment co-ordinator. These meetings are essential to make certain you know the next steps in learning, so you can help your child at home.