



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

We will all be extremely sad to say goodbye to Mr Rogers who will be leaving us at the end of the Christmas term, having accepted a Deputy Headteacher position at Parkstone Primary school. Mr Rogers has taught at our school for six years and during this time he has been a superb teacher, colleague and a Special Needs Co-ordinator, his huge contribution is greatly appreciated. As a very proactive senior leader, he has introduced many new initiatives to improve our school. He is very popular with staff, parents and children and we will miss his sunny personality and his positive, caring ways. We wish him every success in his future career.

Due to the new structure in St Cuthbert's Academy, Mr Rogers will not be replaced by an Assistant Headteacher but by a Phase Leader. Congratulations to Mrs Duncan who will be coming back to us in a full time position from January 2017 as the Phase 1 Leader.

Just a little nudge re- Parent View, we have 14 parents from the whole school who have registered their views on the school. We need more! Thank you



Attendance

Well done NR - no lates this week and AB/CR only had 1 late.

We have a slight improvement in attendance this week 95.5%, but 139 days missed in one week.

No class has over 99% this week, JG was very close at 98.45%, so no one had the opportunity to visit our new ice-cream parlour, fingers crossed for next week.

Let's try extra hard next week to get our attendance right up.

Home Reading			
SR	71%	NR	48%
JC	70%	JG	76%
HR	50%	DL	81%
AB/MO	67%	LA	81%
JH	78%	JD/SB	63%
ME	32%		

December

- 6th FS2 Christmas play @ 1.30pm
- 7th FS1 Christmas play @ 1.30 pm
- 8th Phase 2 Christmas craft day at 9.15am
- 9th Phase 3 Christmas carol concert at 1.15pm
- 13th @ 1.30pm Phase 1 Christmas play - Yr 1 parents only
- 14th @ 1.30pm Phase 1 Christmas play - Yr 2 parents only
- 15th Christmas lunch
- 15th Mass at school
- 16th Christmas liturgy at 2.00 pm
School closes for Christmas



January

- 3rd Return to school

Message from Jst 4 Kidz

Jst 4 Kidz/Totz Pre-School & Out of School Club who have been providing a pickup service/ after school club for St. Mary Queen Of Martyrs R C Primary School since the year 2000 were graded "OUTSTANDING" on their latest inspection by Ofsted last week. Bridie and Kirsty Winter the Managing Directors were so proud to inform us that the inspector had commented on the excellent behaviour and good manners of our children during the transition from school to Jst 4 Kidz. Ofsted said in the inspection report that the children's behaviour is exemplary. Staff are very aware of the varying needs of the children who attend and show patience and understanding when dealing with behaviour. Ofsted quoted the staff are highly skilled experienced and well qualified having a superb knowledge of all the children's interest. The management team are extremely committed to continuously evaluating; this helps to drive improvement benefiting children to the highest possible level.

Foundation

Almost ready for our Christmas production 'The Nativity'. Foundation staff would like to say a big Thank you to all the parents who came in to help decorate the T-shirts ready for the children to wear this week. They look fantastic and I am sure you will agree when you see them on stage.

In R.E. we have started talking about Advent and what it means to us. We have been reading about the Jolly Postman and finding out how a Postman helps us. We have continued to use our mathematical knowledge when counting and solving number problems.

Phase 1

Phase 1 have been busy this week learning lots about all sort of different things! In Maths we have been learning about multiplication and division and how they are related! In Literacy we have been learning all about letters and how to write them. We wrote one to Father Christmas and we had to include paragraphs and the correct structure. We hope he will be impressed!

In Science we have been learning all about how important recycling is. We now know what we can recycle and what we can't as well as tips on how to get better at recycling at home. We have even designed recycled photo frames that we will be making next week.

We are all looking forward to the Christmas production next week and our acting skills are getting better all the time! We look forward to seeing you there!

Phase 2



Phase 2 enjoyed their trip to the Synagogue in Willerby on Thursday as part of their study of Judaism. They were warmly welcomed by the leader and were invited to study the traditions of this fascinating religion. It was fantastic to see so many of our children showing a keen interest and behaving so respectfully whilst they were there. Thank you for your support with this trip.

Our Hull Blitz topic is coming to a close and we will finish next week by writing a non-chronological report about it as a Phase. We're looking forward to reading them!

All parents are very welcome to our Christmas Craft day on Thursday 8th December. **A letter will be going out on Monday, only to be returned if you are joining us for the morning session** so we can organise numbers. We will be judging the WW2 soldier diaries on this day too! Thank you for all the entries so far and we look forward to seeing you on Thursday!



Phase 3

Our children have had a very busy week which has included testing within Maths and Literacy. We have been really pleased with the effort the children have demonstrated!

We have also been busy rehearsing their Christmas Carol Concert this week - the singing really is coming along nicely! We'd like to remind you that the concert will take place at 1:15pm next Friday at church and we hope to see as many of you there as possible.

We have also been extremely proud of the generosity demonstrated by the children who have donated towards CAFOD. We have almost reached our fundraising target which is brilliant! Hopefully we will raise enough money to provide a bike for a midwife in a third world country.

