



St Mary and St Thomas CE Primary School Newsletter



Week Beginning: Monday 3rd June

YEAR 1&2 PHONICS SCREENING CHECK

Next week is the Y1 Phonics Screening Check. This is nothing for your child to worry about, and is something they have had plenty of practice at. In fact, if anything, it is a chance for them to show off their brilliant phonic knowledge and blending skills. Y2 children who did not achieve the pass mark on the screening check when they were in Y1, will also be completing the check next week. The outcome of your child's Phonics Check will be shared with you in due course. Should you have any questions about your child's phonic knowledge or skills, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

Y6 LEAVERS SERVICE AT THE ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL

On **Monday 10th June**, our Y6 children will attend a special leavers' service at the Anglican Cathedral. Children will take part in a workshop in the morning at the cathedral and after lunch attend the service. Children should return to school in time for our usual dismissal time, however if there are any delays, you will be informed about this via a text message. Children who have school meals, will be provided with one from the kitchen. Children who have a packed lunch should bring one to school in a named carrier bag.

ARTSMARK GOLD AWARD

We are delighted to announce that we are celebrating after receiving the prestigious Artsmark Gold Award. Artsmark is Arts Council England's award for schools and education settings that champion cultural education. It celebrates settings that embrace the arts across the curriculum, bringing them to life for children and young people. In order to achieve Artsmark Award, we had to develop our arts and culture provision to embed a broad and balanced curriculum. This was achieved by creating an overall plan that was committed to and delivered across the whole school. Huge thanks to all staff who helped us to achieve this award!

HEADLICE

Please can we remind all parents to check their child's hair for headlice each week, or whenever you suspect an infection. This includes checking all members of the family as well as bedding and collars on clothing. The best way for us to stop the infection, is to do the detection! Long hair should always be tied up for school. Should you require further information about headlice, please speak with your child's class teacher who can provide you with a useful advice leaflet.

YEAR 4 MUSIC PROJECT

Next week, Y4 will continue to participate in their music project with visiting professional musicians.

Y6 WRITERS

Next week a small group of Y6 children will have the opportunity to participate in a writing workshop at Cowley.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROJECT

A letter is to be issued to all parents with the results of the Traffic Management Project carried out by our Mini Police Team. Walk to School Initiatives and parking permits will be introduced. Parents are to apply for a permit using the tear off slip on the bottom of the letter. This work has been a collaboration of Year 5 and the Mini Police Team, Merseyside Police, Traffic Support Officers and Asda St Helens. We look forward to a reduction in traffic congestion and air pollution around our school grounds ensuring safety for all our families and local residents.

SCIENCE WEEK

During the final few days of last half term, KS2 enjoyed developing their scientific enquiry skills during Science Week.

ASCENSION DAY WORSHIP

Well done to Y3 on leading a beautiful Ascension Service at the Parish Church on the final day of last half term.

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OWN CLOTHES

On **Friday 14th June**, we are holding a non-uniform day in return for a voluntary donation of ‘bottles’ for our forthcoming Fun Day. Please note, bottles sent into school should not contain alcohol.

WINDMILL FARM

This week Reception enjoyed a wonderful day out at Windmill Farm. The children enjoyed various activities and represented our school beautifully.

NEW TO INTAKE MEETINGS FOR PARENTS

We hope all parents/carers who attended our Reception and Nursery intake meetings found the sessions to be useful and informative. Should any parents/carers have any further questions about their child starting school please speak with Miss Bowen or Mrs Neilson.

EYES WIDE OPEN PERFORMANCE AND WORKSHOP FOR Y6 PUPILS

Today our y6 children enjoyed a performance and workshop called “Eyes Wide Open”. The performance covered both legal and illegal drugs and alcohol and developed pupils’ knowledge around the legality of their use. It helped children understand the consequences of drug and alcohol use and showcased how easily children and young people can find themselves facing difficult situations, the impact of today’s society and peer pressures on their choices and lifestyle.

CHRISTIAN VALUES AFTERNOON

This afternoon children have enjoyed exploring the value of ‘independence’ and what this means to them.

CHILDREN’S RIGHTS CHARTER HOMEWORK

This week all children across the school were set a piece of homework all about the Rights of Children. As you will already be aware, St Mary and St Thomas is a Rights Respecting School and setting homework about an article contained within the Children’s Rights Charter is just one way in which we achieve this.

EUCHARIST SERVICE

Next week children in KS1 & KS2 will take part in a Eucharist Service.

PARENTS DATES FOR DIARY- SUMMER 2 (2018-19)

3.6.19	HALF TERM BEGINS
3.6.19	Y5 Mental Health Workshop Y6 Squash this half term
5.6.19	Rec to Windmill Farm
6.6.19	9.15am: Rec Intake Mtg for parents 2.15pm: Nur Intake Mtg for parents
7.6.19	Altru Drama Performance and Y6 workshop ‘Eyes Open’ Christian Value afternoon - Independence
10.6.19	Phonics Screening Check Week (Y1 and re-sits Y2) Y6 to Anglican Cathedral – Leavers Service
13.6.19	KS1 & 2 Eucharist
14.6.19	Own Clothes Day – donations of bottles (not alcoholic)
17.6.19	Assessment Week Y5 taster visit to Cowley 1-3pm
18.6.19	Nur Stay and Play 9.30-10.30am Rec Stay and Play 2.00-3.00pm
19.6.19	Y6 - Castle Howard
20.6.19	Y6 - Castle Howard Rec Stay and Play 9.30-10.30am Nur Stay and Play 2.00-3.00pm
21.6.19	Y6 – Castle Howard Reception Red Word Challenge Fund Raiser Y1 Sponsored Treasure Hunt Rec to Citadel ‘The Flying Bath’
24.6.19	Talking Teeth Workshop for Reception and Nursery Y3/4 Pupil Parent Interviews

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25.6.19	Prize Evening
26.6.19	Y5 Pupil Parent Interviews 4.30pm: Parent Forum for Parent Reps
27.6.19	Y1/2 Pupil Parent Interviews Y6 First Aid Training with British Red Cross
28.6.19	Own Clothes Day – donation of cans Y4 to Citadel for Gael Music Concert
1.7.19	Y6 Induction Day – Cowley & De La Salle Transition Week for whole school
2.7.19	Y6 Induction Day – Cowley & De La Salle
3.7.19	Y6 Induction Day – Cowley & De La Salle 6.30pm: Cowley Parents Evening
4.7.19	Y6 Induction Day –De La Salle Y1 & Y2 to Martin Mere
5.7.19	Y6 Obstacle Course Fundraiser
8.7.19	Change for Life Week – timetable to be issued R & KS1 Sports Day am KS2 Sports Day pm
11.7.19	1.30pm: Fun Day afternoon
12.7.19	Y6 to Delemere Forest
15.7.19	9.30am: Y6 Leavers Service in School
16.7.19	Y6 Production –performance pm and at 6.30
18.7.19	Y5 Spaceport Trip Y3 & Y4 Blackpool Sealife Trip
19.7.19	Nursery sponsored colours and shapes event Nur & Rec Stay and Play
22.7.19	2pm: Rec Family Worship
24.7.19	End of Term

Well done to the following children, who have won the Headteacher's Award this week!

CLASS	NAME	REASON
NURSERY	Ziggy	Being kind and helpful
RECEPTION	Reception Class	Being superstars on our trip to the farm
YEAR 1	Autumn	Wonderful effort and behavior this week
YEAR 2	Kayden	Super reading
YEAR 3	Kaiden	Excellent inference skills
YEAR 4	Georgia	Being a brilliant role model
YEAR 5	Alfie	Creative writing
YEAR 6	Mason	A superb attitude

LUNCHTIME AWARDS

YEAR	NAME
REC	Sonny
YEAR 1	Lucas
YEAR 2	Holly
YEAR 3	Elora
YEAR 4	Jacob
YEAR 5	Alfie
YEAR 6	Megan

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**GIVE 3 HOURS OF YOUR TIME EACH WEEK
&**

**HELP TO GIVE A LOCAL CHILD A POSITIVE FUTURE
WE ALL KNOW HOW TOUGH FAMILY LIFE CAN BE!**

Become a Home-start St. Helens Volunteer and use your experience and skills to provide much needed practical and emotional support to local families.

Our informal training sessions prepare you with all the most up to date information so you can effectively support a family. (The next sessions start on Tuesday 4th June 2019 @Peter Street Centre, WA10 2EQ)

The main reason a family needs support is isolation. YOU can #makeadifference

As a Volunteer you will visit one family each week on a day and time that suits YOU.

Call 01744 737400



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