

St Mary's RC Primary School, Swinton
Newsletter 23rd May 2014

This extremely short half term has drawn to an end. Congratulations to children in Year 3 who made the Sacrament of Confirmation and will continue on their Faith Journey when they make their First Holy Communion on 14th June. The children have experienced lots of exciting learning opportunities including trips out to Smithill's Farm (Reception class), Salford Quays (Y5 watersports) and a visit from Zoolab to Nursery, along with a visit from the Fire Brigade. Day trips for Years 1-4 will take place next half term, along with Y6 residential trip to Robinwood. Thank you to all our volunteer helpers who make these visits possible. This year's SATS tests for Year 6 have been completed along with Year 2 SATs. Assessment tests for other year groups will continue next half term.

Holiday homework

For this half term holiday we are asking the children to produce a promotional leaflet for an attraction eg zoo, theme park.

Attendance

The school's attendance is currently 96.14%. Thank you for working with the school in improving our attendance records. Please can I remind parents of the school procedure of contacting school to inform the office of your child's absence and producing appointment cards for appointments made during the school day.

Uniform

Uniform is available to buy from the PTA. Please download a form from our website or collect a form from the school office. Once you have the form you can place the money in an envelope marked clearly with your child's name and send into school. The PTA will collect the order from the school and return the goods in the same way.



Dinner Money

Please ensure any outstanding payments are made as soon as possible. If you wish to discuss anything in relation to your payments, please make an appointment to speak to Mrs Raynor.

Playground equipment

Please can I remind parents to supervise their children in the school playground before and after school. There have been a number of unsupervised younger pupils climbing on the play equipment whilst parents are waiting for older siblings. A member of staff is on the playground from 8:45am overseeing pupils entering school at this time, also overseeing pupils leaving the school grounds safely.

Summer Fair

Many thanks for all your support towards the Summer Fair, the children will continue with the coloured theme days after the holidays. Please come along on 27th June at 3:30pm and bring a friend to ensure we have another successful fund raising event.

Sports Day

This year we are organising our Sports Day week beginning 7th July. More information to follow.



Diary Dates:

Y1 cookery sessions with school nurse – 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th June & 7th & 14th July

KS2 athletics coaching Wednesdays and Thursdays

Healthy lifestyle assembly 11/7/14

New Nursery intake meeting and children new to Reception -12/6/14 at 6pm

PTA meeting -12/6/14 3:30pm

Y6 transition day at St Ambrose Barlow High School 13/6/14

Y5&6 Tri golf – 13th, 20th, 27th June & 4th, 11th & 18th July

First Holy Communion at St Mary's Church 14/6/14 10am

Y5&Y6 visit to National Football Museum and 6 children attending Manchester

University science exhibition 17/6/14

Family afterschool workshops on healthy lifestyles – every Tuesday 3:30pm- 4:30pm for 4 weeks commencing 17/6/14

Y2 celebration assembly 18/6/14

Y3&Y4 visit to National Football Museum 18/6/14

Choir singing at The Big Sing concert 19/6/14

Macmillan Dress up and Dance Day 20/6/14

Y3 Family Mass 11:15am at St Mary's Church 22/6/14

Y6 Robinwood trip **23-25/6/14**
Y1 and Y2 trip to Martin Mere and 3 Pupil Chaplains meeting the Bishop **25/6/14**
Y6 Leavers Mass at the Cathedral **26/6/14**
Summer Fair 3:30pm **27/6/14**
Y5 Build a bridge project at St Ambrose **1/7/14**
Reception class assembly **2/7/14**
Choir visit to The Fountains Care home **3/7/14**
Sports days – **week beginning 7th July**
Reports out to parents week beginning **14/7/14**
Y5&Y6 Summer production 2:15pm **14/7/14**
Y3 & 4 trip to Blackpool Zoo **15/7/14**
Y6 Leavers Mass at St Mary's Church 6:30pm **15/7/14**
KS1 disco 4:30-5:30pm, KS2 disco 5:45-7pm **17/7/14**
Summer holidays commence **18/7/14**

I hope the children enjoy a well-deserved break.

School closes at 3:30pm today Friday 23rd May and reopens Monday 9th June at 8:55am.

D A Raynor

Mrs D Raynor and staff.