



## ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS TRUST

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### ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Dear Parents,

We have had an interesting week in school with several visitors that have added to the children's learning.

#### **National Portrait Gallery**

On Monday the children of Year 5 visited the National Portrait Gallery. Their visit is an enrichment to art and history learning.

#### **Catholic Teachers' Mass**

It was a pleasure for all the staff to meet up with our colleagues from all the other Catholic Schools in the Deanery on Wednesday evening. As you will understand we benefit from the chance to come together and pray together. It was also wonderful to see some former pupils at The John Fisher School.

#### **Parent / Teacher Interviews**

The booking system for Parent/Teacher interviews is still open at <https://stmarysrc.parenteveningsystem.co.uk/> If you have yet to make a booking please do so. Interviews are next Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> October, from 3.45pm to 8.30pm.

#### **Cold Weather**

Please ensure that all children are now wearing School Winter Coat's (navy with School Badge) each day. Please refer to our School Uniform list for further details.

#### **'The Animal Man'**

As part of their study of rainforests, the children of Year 3 had an amazing afternoon on Thursday exploring a variety of animals that were brought in by a specialist. I am sure that the experience will deepen their understanding.

#### **Firehorse Theatre Company**

On the same afternoon, the children from Years 4, 5 and 6 took part in an anti-bullying workshop. This is an area of school life that we all feel very strongly about. As always, one of the main themes was reminding the children to always let an adult know if they are having a problem.

#### **Cross Country**

On Thursday evening the children of Years 3 and 4 represented the school at Lloyd Park. Miss Klokow said that she was proud of their efforts. Results will follow.

#### **Half-Term**

The school will close on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016 at 3.30pm for the Half-Term break. School re-opens on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016.

#### **Assemblies**

Unfortunately I missed the assembly from 6O yesterday, but I understand that they talked quite movingly about the Second World War and the Blitz. Next week is the turn of Class 4D. Assembly will begin at 10.30am. Please see the School Calendar under the Parent Information tab for future dates.

The achievement certificates this week go to Michaela in 3B, Cassandra in 3K, Varsha in 4C, Emily and Chiemeka in 4D, Stevin in 5L, Onye in 5V, Callum in 6C and Emmanuel in 6O. The Musicians of the week are Alfie and Noble in 4C. The Headteacher's award goes to Edisia in 5L and the Swimmer of the Week is Kelly-Ann in 6O.

Yours sincerely,

A.J. McDonald

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