



### HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Having now entered the month of May, we are fast approaching the formal end of year assessment week (s). All children in Years 1 to 6 will be doing some form of assessments over the next two weeks, therefore I ask that you please ensure your children are in school every day and have a good night's sleep to ensure they perform their best.

As well as being a month dedicated to assessments, May is also traditionally dedicated to Mary, Jesus's mother. We are therefore remembering Mary daily in our prayers and collective Worship. We will also be celebrating a service dedicated to Mary in Church on Monday 21st May at 2.15pm and will be asking your children to bring flowers to decorate her altar in church. More information to follow.

Finally, our current whole school attendance is at its lowest for the last three years. May I plead that you do all that you can to ensure maximum attendance for your child(ren), so that we can possibly improve on this before the end of the academic year.

Many thanks.

Mrs Allen

### Reception

We have had so much fun learning about animals this half term. We have enjoyed a trip to Blackpool Zoo where we saw lions, tigers, giraffes, elephants, otters, etc. Ask us about our favourite animal I'm sure we can tell you all about it. In PE, we have been learning basic football skills and are practising how to control the ball with our feet using little kicks. PE is still every Monday morning so please ensure your child has their named PE kit in school for this. We are beginning to send Read Write Inc books home in addition to your child's other reading books. Please ensure these are returned to school every week and given to your child's Read Write Inc teacher. These are books we have read in school and you can practise reading at home with a story teller voice.

### Key Dates:

**Year 6 SATS**—14th—18th May

**1HA Assembly**—Friday 18th May @9:00 am and 9:20 am

**Nursery Zoo Trip**—Wednesday 23rd May

**School Breaks Up**—Friday 25th May

**School Reopens**—Monday 11th June

**Year 5 Taster at St Mary's**—Wednesday 13th June

**Children's University Graduation**—Thursday 14th June @ 1:45pm

**Year 6 Residential visit to York**—Monday 18th June—Wednesday 20th June

**Year 2 Zoo Trip**—Thursday 21st June

### Year 1

Year 1 have been learning about who our 'Local Heroes' are this term. We have explored a variety of Blackpool's finest heroes including Shelly Woods and the RNLI. We have written newspaper articles, superhero profiles and have even had Mariah Carey in touch after seeing a video of 1HU's class assembly singing one of her songs!



We have also been partaking in a number of exciting science experiments based around two topics; Materials and The Senses. We have enjoyed food tasting, waterproof testing and finding different properties of objects.

Year 1 are continuing to develop their reading and writing skills through daily RWI sessions and weekly English lessons. At the moment, we are reading Roald Dahl's 'The Enormous Crocodile' and can't wait to find out what happens at the end!

Mr Hardwick and Mrs Hulme



**St John Vianney Holiday Club**

Tuesday 29th May—Friday 1st June 2018

Bring your own packed lunch

Booking options...

- Full Day Session (8:30 am—5:30 pm) £20
- Morning Session (8:30 am—12:30 pm) £10
- Afternoon Session (1:30 pm—5:30 pm) £10

Make booking on Parentpay and pay for sessions immediately to secure booking. Don't forget that 24 hours notice is required!

- Art Adventure theme
- Convenient booking and payment system through Parentpay
- Friendly, comfortable and familiar environment
- Friends you already know!

See overleaf for timetable of activities

### Staffing update

Congratulations to our new After School and Holiday Club Co-ordinator—Miss Webb! Miss Webb is now settling in to her new role and is making lots of plans—watch this space!

### Year 4

This half-term has been very busy and exciting so far in Year 4. Congratulations to all the children who have just made their First Holy Communion. We hope that you all enjoyed your special day. To those who are preparing to make their First Holy Communion: we hope it brings a day of many blessings!

A team of 10 children from across Year 4 took part in the BFC Community Trust Fit 2 Go quiz at Bloomfield Road last week. The team did a great job and came in fourth position in the quiz against other primary schools across Blackpool. Looking ahead to next week, we will all be back at Bloomfield Road for the Fit 2 Go Festival where we will take part in a range of physical activities on the pitch and around the stadium.

Mr Lord and Miss Wills

### Attendance this term (National Target is 96%)

N -	RC -	RM -
94.57%	95.86%	95.01%
1Ha -	1Hu -	2H -
96.73%	94.20%	95.17%
2W -	3K -	3Mc -
96.33%	96.89%	97.41%
4L -	4W -	5BD -
94.97%	95.48%	95.50%
5T -	6B -	6OK -
95.17%	96.53%	95.57%

## Nursery

We have been very busy in Nursery so far this term. We are learning about traditional tales. Our home corner was transformed into Jack's house complete with a giant beanstalk and is now the home of the three bears! We have grown our own beanstalks and learnt about what we need to do to help our plants grow.



We have also re-enacted 'The Three Billie Goats Gruff', trip trapping over the bridge and used teamwork to pull a giant weight just like in 'The Enormous Turnip'. All the children thoroughly enjoyed our 'Teddy Bears' Picnic' this week and we would like to thank all the family members that took the time to come and join in with the activities. The children were quite full after jam sandwiches, gingerbread men and cake! We are looking forward to learning more traditional tales, Elmer Week and our zoo trip (more details to follow). Please continue with the hard work you are doing at home to help prepare your children for school as this is fast approaching!

Mrs Willingham and Mrs Couzins

## Year 5

We are fast approaching the end of Summer 1st and have had such a busy term so far. We started the term with our Year 5 trip to Hothersall, where the children (and of course, the staff) were fully involved in a range of fun activities; canoeing, climbing, survival skills and team-building. It was a thoroughly enjoyable few days and many of the children faced their fears and participated well - we were extremely proud of them, as they should be of themselves! This term, we have also presented our 'Bounce Forward Showcase' assembly, in which the children shared their learning from the resilience workshops - thank you to all those who came to watch! Finally, the children are thoroughly enjoying reading 'Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets' this half-term and have produced some excellent work around it in our English lessons. As we approach the half-term break, we look forward to our final half-term in Year 5 and to preparing the children for starting Year 6 in September.

Mrs Dickinson, Mrs Bancroft and Miss Talbot

## Year 3

This half term we've been continuing with our stone age topic. We've been able to make stone age huts and chocolate rocks (to help us understand how different rocks form, of course. The use of chocolate was just a bonus :)).

Both Y3 classes have now had the opportunity to try the high ropes at Stanley Park. Some children have clearly done this before-absolutely fearless! Others needed some gentle persuasion, but I think it's safe to say that all children who participated in some way had lots of fun and are keen to go again!

Next half term we are hopefully planning another school trip to the Eureka! Science museum. A favourite trip of Mrs Acton's! There will be details to follow soon, so please watch out for more information via texts or letters.

We hope you enjoy the rest of the half term! Miss Mack is dreading having to prepare to say goodbye to 3M :(

Miss Mack & Mrs Acton

## Year 6

During this half term, Year 6 have been busy: 6OK have enjoyed a visit to The High Ropes at Stanley Park where the children thoroughly enjoyed the challenges which faced them and showed excellent camaraderie whilst supporting each other; all children have planned and created their own Viking shields using collage in their Art lessons; they are beginning to plan a floating Longboat in D&T; they have been learning about Lindisfarne and how the Vikings fought in History and in Science, the children have been revising what they know about Space.

There have been successes in High 5 and Boy's Football, with both teams winning their latest matches. Well done!

The children have been working extremely hard in their final preparations for their upcoming SATs. We know that they will continue to work hard and achieve their full potential. They definitely deserve to do well. Good luck, children! Thank you to all those parents and guardians who attended the recent SATs/Residential Meeting - if you have any further questions/queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

In the last couple of weeks, the children have been excited to find out about their End of Year Production. This year, Year 6 at SJV will present to you 'Aladdin Trouble'. They have started to learn the lyrics to the songs and experienced a 'taste' of the script. The children will be able to audition for a role in the production during the last week of this half term. We look forward to seeing their talents in action.



Many thanks for your continued support,

Miss O'Keeffe and Mrs Bennett

## Year 2

Can you believe that it is May already!?!?!

Every Wednesday we have had the Sports coach Callum in school helping us with Multi Sports. Things like coordination, skipping, catching, running have been covered and the children have loved taking part. As part of the SAT's build up the children will become secret agents where they have got to complete missions! (SAT's test papers!) To celebrate their hard work!

Letters will follow with more information.

Thanks for your continued support!

### Year 2 Dates for your diary:

Zoo trip - Thursday 21st June

SATS party - Friday 6th July PM

Parent workshop tasting food from around the world in the hall - from 2.15 Thursday 12th July

Mr Walsh and Miss Hornby

