

# Bishop Martin Bulletin



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## ... Our whole school priorities (2018-2019)

- To ensure our 'Inspire' Curriculum challenges the more able, improves outcomes and is built on first hand experiences
- To further improve the teaching and learning of reading to raise standards.
- To further improve teaching, learning and assessment to ensure pupils are curious, interested learners.

## ... Times Tables Rockstars

This is a new online system that has been introduced to children in Y1-Y5 this term to boost pupil's recall and fluency of their times tables. It is a carefully sequenced programme of daily times table practise which concentrates on a different times table each week, selected by the class teacher. They will be able to see their average speed, collect coins and have battles with classmates and other classes. Winners of the 'Battle of the Bands' will be announced in school and displayed on the board as well as certificates for the fastest players as an extra incentive! Children will have their logins in their reading records and a separate letter will follow for parents to explain how to use the website (<https://play.ttrockstars.com/>).



## ... Anti-Bullying

As you know we are working towards getting the Anti-Bullying Quality Mark and have a group consisting of school staff, pupils and parents that meet each half term. We have reviewed the Anti-Bullying Policy and created a child friendly version which will be coming home in your child's book bag. We have also appointed some Guardians who will act as buddies on the playground.



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## ... Mathletics

We are delighted that all children from Y1 to Y6 will be using Mathletics (<http://uk.mathletics.com/primary>) again this year. Mathletics is a fantastic learning tool for children to use at home to consolidate their learning through engaging tasks and games, all whilst earning rewards too! We have begun our school competition where the class who has earned the most points during the week is then announced to the school. We also announce the top three individuals who earn the most points and they are displayed on our leaderboard in school! Children will receive their Bronze/Silver/Gold certificates on a Monday which will also be displayed in school.



Our Christian Value this half term is **THANKFULNESS** and will include the celebration of Harvest Festival.

'Always be thankful.' 1 Thessalonians 5.16

It is not happy people who are thankful; it is thankful people who are happy (Anon)



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## ... The Giants are coming to Liverpool!



We are celebrating the Giants in Liverpool  
with a special

**GIANTS** Menu on Thursday 4th October. All children who have hot dinners will be accessing this menu.

## ... Attendance

We've had a great start to the year! Let's keep it up. Please remember that school cannot authorise holidays during term time.

Attendance upto 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	
Reception	99.46%
Year 1	99.52%
Year 2	97.05%
Year 3	98.28%
Year 4	99.24%
Year 5	99.17%
Year 6	99.05%



## Vacancy - Hub Volunteers

St Peter's Church are looking for Volunteers to help out in the Hub. If you are interested in applying please contact Jenny on 0151 428 6810 between 9am and 1pm Mon to Thurs or pop in to speak to her. Thank you.



## ... Parking issues

A polite reminder to all parents and carers to park safely and respectfully. Due to the ongoing road works on Church Road, we do not yet have the zigzag road markings outside the school. Please be sensible and **do not** park close to the driveway entrance to school. We must ensure our children and their families are safe coming into school. Thank you.

## On the Horizon ...

9th October 2018	Cross Country Race 4 - Clark's Gardens 3:30pm
Thursday 11th October	Harvest Service led by Y2 at St Peter's 9:00am—tea and coffee served from 8:30am
Friday 12th October	Whole School Macarena in support of Encontro Com Deus
Tuesday 16th October	School Photos—more details to follow nearer the time
Wednesday 17th October	Year 1 Trip to Synagogue—more details to follow
Friday 19th October	Finish for half term—school closes at 3:30pm (Friends n Fun until 6pm as normal)
Friday 19th October	PTA Fashion Show 7:00pm - 9:00pm (Adults only, friends and family welcome). Tickets available from PTA members. Please come along and support our PTA!
Tuesday 30th October	Year 5 and Year 6 Cathedral Trip—more details to follow
Wednesday 31st October	Year 3 CBBC Trip and Museum Tour—more details to follow



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Thursday 1st November	EYFS Trip to Storybarn, Calderstones Park—more details to follow
Thursday 8th November	Remembrance Service led by Y6 at St Peter's 9:00am—tea and coffee served from 8:30am
Thursday 12th November	Anti-Bullying Week—choose respect - Odd Sock Day
Monday 12th November	Year 4 CBBC Trip—more details to follow
Wednesday 14th November	Optional Parents Meeting for Y5 & Y6 Parents re: Edinburgh Trip
Tuesday 27th November	Parents Evening
Thursday 29th November	Parents Evening
Wednesday 21st to 23rd November	Year 5 and Year 6 Trip to Edinburgh—see separate letter
Wednesday 5th December	Infant Nativity 2:00pm
Thursday 13th December	Year 1 and Year 2 Trip to the Cathedral—more details to follow
Tuesday 18th December	Reception to Year 6 Christmas Party Day
Wednesday 19th December	Christmas Service led by Year 4 at St Peter's 9:00am—tea and coffee served from 8:30am
Thursday 20th December	Finish for Christmas—school closes at 3:30pm (Friends n Fun until 6pm as normal)
Monday 7th January 2019	School opens for the new term
Monday 21st January	INSET Day—staff training day—school closed to children
Monday 25th March	INSET Day—staff training day—school closed to children
Monday 17th June	INSET Day—staff training day—school closed to children
Monday 8th July	INSET Day—staff training day—school closed to children

## Smileys

Y1-Y6 are all working hard to collect 100 Smileys! Please encourage your child to collect their smileys and put them on their charts. Teachers now keep a record of every 10 they collect. 100 Smileys gets a special prize! Let's see who are going to be first to get the prize this term!

10th April 2019 - Smiley visit

