



We welcome Mrs Bowyer and Miss Pickerill back from their travels! They will be leading a presentation about their visit to Chinese schools on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 9.10am. Everyone is invited so do please come along.

**SATS News**

I attended a meeting of around 50 Head Teachers from Stoke on Trent on Wednesday to discuss the SATS boycott. It was agreed by those attending, that a boycott would go ahead and we would not be administering the SATS in Y6 this May. We will however be recognising the hard work of Year 6 by administering assessment tests over the next few weeks to support our teacher assessment. We will also link with Abbey Hulton Primary to ensure external moderation of our marking is in place - again securing a robust teacher assessment. Study support will still continue as planned to boost confidence and

achievement. At the end of the year we will still report TA levels to parents, the LA and high schools. This is a big step for Head Teachers and is aimed at securing longer term improvement in assessment procedures for our children. We hope that you will continue to support us.

**Spring Cleaning**

We are hoping to raise funds for school by collecting textiles. We are registering with a company who will provide bags which we will ask you to fill with old clothes and textiles and return to school for collection on a specified date. We would be paid by the weight of bags collected. So as we move from our winter to summer wear; please save any clothes which have been outgrown or are no longer required? We will hand out bags and let you know the details as soon as they are finalised.

**Parents Meeting**

A huge thank you to those parents who joined us last week to look at developing a parents forum of some sort to help move our school

forward. We had a great response and are very enthusiastic to build on our success. If you are interested in helping to support or join a PTFA please come along to a meeting after our assembly on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May in the Learning Mentor Lounge. We are hoping to hold a summer fair on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July and would greatly appreciate as many helpers, ideas and people with good contacts as possible to come along. Forming a PTFA gives you the control to decide and run activities as well as determine the way funds raised should be spent. Parents, grandparents, friends of the school, parishioners - everyone is welcomed.

**Diary Dates**

**7<sup>th</sup> June** - Good Shepherd Mass at 7.00pm at St Teresa's Catholic Church.

**13<sup>th</sup> June** - First Holy Communion Mass in church

**21<sup>st</sup> June** - KS2 sports day at 1.15 - 1.30pm weather permitting!!

**23<sup>rd</sup> June** - KS1 sports day at 1.15 - 1.30 pm, again weather permitting!

## **Housepoints**

This week our house teams scored:

St Andrew - 157

St David - 290

St George - 198

St Patrick - 292

**Congratulations to St Patrick's**

## **Stars of the Week!**

St Mary's - Armani

St Nicholas - Caine Lewis

St Therese - Michaela Kelly

St Christopher - Callum Quinn

St Maximillian - Cameron Bickerton

St Martin's - Bethany Botham

St Anthony's - Rhys Horton Birch

**Well done you!**

**100% Attender of the Week**

**Ben Brookes**

**Class with best attendance**

**Year 1**