



The Three Saints Academy Trust

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Newsletter

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St Ann's Church of England Primary



St Mary & St Thomas' C.E. Primary

Message from the Principals

We are delighted to welcome you to the first newsletter of the Three Saints Academy Trust.

As you are aware our schools converted to academy status on 1st August 2015 and we are excited to see how our schools continue to thrive as a result of this.

We welcome to our team Finance Director Kim Sawe. Kim works across both schools ensuring that we provide 'Best Value' in all our services.

Staff from both schools have been working together this term on our school assessment systems and we plan to provide many more opportunities for staff and children to work together.

We now have a Trust website where any information about our Academy can be found. Visit our Trust website on www.three-saints.org.uk

This term the Directors and Governors of both schools have been working together to develop our vision and strategic plan for the future. We are keen to ensure that we sustain and build upon the excellent practice that both schools have to offer and very much look forward to working with you for the benefit of all our children

Kind Regards

Rebecca Wilkinson & Kirsty Haw



Vision Statement and Aims of the Three Saints Academy Trust

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The Three Saints Academy Trust creates belief in all by:

- Having high expectations in all we do
- Instilling a love of learning, through fun and memorable experiences
- Creating nurturing relationships built on trust, care and respect
- Providing an environment of opportunity where all can grow and succeed



News from St Mary & St Thomas'

Believe, Achieve, Shine

Visit from Bishop of Warrington

On 1st December St Mary & St Thomas' welcomed Bishop Richard to school. He took part in worship and then visited each class. Y6 asked him some questions and he met all the staff and governors. It was a very enjoyable morning for everyone.



Harvest Festival

This service was held in October at St Thomas' Church. The service was led by Y2 who did a fabulous job, and attended by the whole school, parents and Governors. We had many very kind donations for the St Helens Food Bank.

Christmas time at school

The whole school has enjoyed their Christmas party in December. Each class visited the pantomime to watch Cinderella.

Nursery & Reception parents took part in 'stay & make' sessions with their children and took some lovely Christmas crafts home with them.

KS2 choir took part in the Christmas sing event at the town hall and Y6 led our Christmas Carol service at St Thomas' Church on our last day of term filling us with Christmas spirit!

Enterprise week

In November each class was given £30. Every class planned, made and costed

items for their stall at the Christmas Enterprise Fayre. The hall was full with parents who bought these wonderful Christmas crafts. The winning class was Y6. Well done to everyone!

KS2 visit to Liverpool

All our KS2 classes visited Liverpool in November. They really enjoyed seeing the 'weeping poppies' display at ST Georges Hall and the Biennial Ships provided inspiration for art week in the New Year.

A group of KS2 children visited Liverpool Empire Theatre to watch Shrek.



Fun in the Forest

Y4 enjoyed a trip to Benedict Wood in November which was followed by Forest Schools sleep over in school. This was an opportunity to practice the skills learned in Forest School by cooking on the camp fire, singing songs around the campfire and making forest crafts.





News from St Ann's

Always our best for God, each other and ourselves.

School Partnership Award



In recognition of our strong church-school links, we were awarded the Church School Partnership Award by Liverpool Diocese. We were delighted to be presented the award by the Bishop of Warrington in a special assembly in September. The Parish Council attended and also received certificates.

STAR Lab

In September our Yr 5 children were lucky enough to take part in a very exciting science lesson courtesy of Star Lab.



Children learnt about the constellations and stars whilst sitting in a portable planetarium. This was a unique way of teaching science and the children thought it was "the best science lesson ever!"

Harvest Service

This Service was held in October. Donations of food were collected in response to the Bishop's appeal for schools and churches to support local foodbanks. Monetary donations were also received and divided between African Children's Education and Shelter Box (a charity which helps refugees by providing basic shelter and equipment).

As in previous years, the Rotary club kindly doubled the donation.

Dedication Service

The Dedication Service took place in church on Friday 23rd October. During the service Reverend Alan presented all our new pupils with a bible which the Parish Council had kindly donated. During the service Yrs 1 – 6 presented the key Christian Values that our school will be studying this year.



Memorial Service & Garden of Remembrance

On the 10th November we held a Memorial Service and blessed our new Memorial Garden. The garden is within our school grounds

where we have created a space to remember staff, pupils, families and friends of St Ann's who have sadly passed away. Ribbons were tied to the trees by those who attended the service.



Members of staff and volunteers from the community worked hard to create the garden.

Christmas at St Ann's



On the 3rd December our Reception children will be going to Reeve Court to perform for the Residents.

On the 4th December we will be having a Christmas Jumper Day. The money raised from this will be donated to a charity.

Year 3 will lead our Christmas Service over in the Church, bringing our Christmas celebrations at school to a close.