

# St Mary & St Paul's CE Primary School

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## Headteacher's Message



What a great a start to the year. January is never an easy time with the lull after Christmas and New Year, often money is tight and this effects us all. However, the children have come back noticeably in a positive mood to learn. It has also been great that attendance has improved again from before Christmas totalling 96%.

Yr1 – 93.1, Yr2 – 95.7, Yr3 – 97.5, Yr4 – 97.8, Yr5 – 95.5, Yr6 – 96.4.

This is encouraging and our hope is that if we can continue to build on this we should be able to push all classes to 96.5% our school target for the year. Can I also thank all the parents from KS2 for the encouraging words about our new collection initiative! We are delighted to see that this is working well and especially pleased that all feel much safer outside of school at the end of the day. Thank you for all your support, Mr Parks.

## Diary Dates

- 5<sup>th</sup> February – Year 2 Swimming
- 5<sup>th</sup> February – Reception height & weight
- 6<sup>th</sup> February – Mental Health Day
- 11<sup>th</sup> February – E-Safety Day
- 12<sup>th</sup> February – Year 2 Swimming
- 12<sup>th</sup> February – Reception hearing tests
- 13/14<sup>th</sup> February – Chester Zoo workshop
- 14<sup>th</sup> February – Finish for half term**
- 24<sup>th</sup> February – INSET DAY
- 25<sup>th</sup> February – Back to school – 8:50am**
- 26<sup>th</sup> February – Whole school trip to Chester Zoo



## After school Clubs

Our after school clubs have started and will run for the next 8 weeks. Some fabulous pictures of our cooking club creating chocolate biscuit balls, even if some do look like splodges.

[#lifeinallitsfullnessthroughlearningandlove](#) [#joy](#)  
[#afterschoolprovision](#)



## Connections Project with Chester Zoo

KS1 have had a fabulous morning working alongside @LearnatCZ, we have explored our school grounds for signs of wild life. [#chesterzoo](#) [#learning](#) [#explorers](#) [#wildlife](#)



## Assembly Theme – Learning

We have been concentrating on our focus of Learning from our vision statement. holding onto the fact that throughout history and especially in the bible, learning has been an important aspect for all who have achieved “Life in all its fullness.”



**Did you know that children can have 15 hours a week free nursery provision in our school Nursery once they are three or if you meet the criteria 30 free hours?**



At St Mary & St Paul's, our teaching is underpinned by Christian values, as we aim to help all of our children to become both successful and thoughtful citizens.

This begins in Nursery Class, where we help our youngest children to learn how to be a good friend, help others and be kind. Learning is through fun play activities – most of the time the children are having so much fun they don't realise that they are learning at all!

Our Foundation Stage is really well equipped with resources that make learning fun – both inside and outside – and our children really enjoy all of the learning that they do.

#### Learning with Us.....this month (A reminder)

## Notice

From **Monday 6th January 2020**, we will be re-organising our school day. Our first lesson of the day, **READING**, will begin at 9.00am.

It is really important that the children are in class prompt, for 8.50 am, in order for the registers to be taken.

Thank you for your support.

Mr I Parks



#### Headteacher's Awards

Luke (Y2) – Detailed Non-chronological report



Jamie Leigh (Y2) – Detailed Non-chronological report

Quinn (Y4) – Persuasive Writing

Deborah (Y4) – Persuasive Writing

Ebony (Y1) – Wonderful writing

Andrew (Y2) - Wonderful writing

Jonny (Y1) – Religious Education

Eleanor (Y5) - Wonderful writing

Sonny (Y2) – Beautiful Handwriting

Emily (Y5) – Fabulous fractions

Chloe (Y5) – Fabulous fractions

Emily (Y3) – Answering questions through writing

Heidi (Y6) – Amazing algebra

Daniel (Y6) – Amazing algebra

#### **After School Clubs**

##### **Monday**

Voice Coaching/Singing (Yr 2,3,4,5)

Cooking (Yr 5,6)

##### **Tuesday**

Dance (Yr 3,4)

Football (Yr 1,2)

##### **Wednesday**

Sewing (Yr 5,6)

##### **Thursday**

Multi-Skills (Yr 3,4,5,6)

Arts and Craft (Yr 3,4)

##### **Friday**

Multi-skills (Yr 1,2)

#### Polite Notice

Recently we have had a couple of complaints about parents smoking near the school gates. Please be mindful of smoking near school, especially where children need to pass by, as this could affect them later in life. As ever, many thanks for your co-operation. Mr Parks