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Headteacher's Message



Well it is safe to say November has been a very unusual month out in the wider world but here in school life has carried on. I have been massively impressed by the commitment of the children to their learning. We are also grateful to all parents and Carers; as you have kept them into school. We as a school, are having a much higher attendance than most schools in the LA and this is impressive but we want to make it even higher so keep going everyone.

Over the last month so much has been going on Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have been working on Christmas Nativities and singalongs. Year 2 have also been working on their Phonics ready for the screening test and Year 5 have been learning Shakespeare. The energy around school is really positive and a delight to be involved in.

As we embark on the Christmas season and lockdown rules being lifted just a continued reminder of our rules for collection and drop off:

- 1) Wear a mask where possible to keep others safe
- 2) On paths by school stand to the side to allow others to pass
- 3) One parent to drop off/collect where possible and please keep little ones of gym equipment at collection

Stay safe and thanks
Mr Parks

Diary Dates



- 1st Dec** - Advent Assembly
- Wb 7th** - EYFS and Year 1 Nativity released
- 8th** - Mayor, Santa and Rudolf visit
- 11th** - Christmas Jumper Day
- 11th** - Christmas Dinner Day
- Wb 14th** - Year 2 Christmas sing along released
- 16th** - Christmas Parties
- 17th** - Christingle Making
- 18th** - Christingle Service
- 18th** - Christmas Stocking Competition
- 18th** - Half day - times for finishing overleaf

- 4th Jan** - INSET
- 5th** - Return to school



Year 3 Science

Year 3 have been learning all about our bodies in science. This week we constructed and labelled a skeleton. We even made up a new version of 'head, shoulders, knees and toes' using scientific names for bones.

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Year 2 Geography

Year 2 are continuing their journey around the U.K., this week Milo our tour guide took us to Scotland. We explored famous landmarks and also we stopped at Loch Ness to see if we could see any monsters. We even enjoyed some shortbread biscuits [#yum](#) [#explorers](#) [#geography](#) [#aspire](#)

Assembly Theme - Hope

Over the last few weeks we have concentrated on how Jesus has offer Hope to us all. Each assembly has been centred on the ideas of how we can use the hope of the world to aim high and achieve all we can.



*Did you know that children can have 15 hours a week **FREE** nursery provision in our school Nursery once they are 3 years old?*



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.

Get a free NHS test to check if you have coronavirus

You can have a test (swab test) to check if you have coronavirus (COVID-19) now.

Who can get a test

You can get a free NHS test if:

- ✓ you have any [symptoms of coronavirus](#) (a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste)
- ✓ you're getting a test for someone you live with who has symptoms
- ✓ you live in England and have been told to get a test before you go into hospital, for example, for surgery
- ✓ your local council asks you to get a test
- ✓ you're taking part in a government pilot project

Do not ask for an NHS test if:

- ✗ you live with someone who has coronavirus but you do not have symptoms yourself – you need to [self-isolate](#)
- ✗ you've been in close contact with someone who has the virus but you do not have symptoms – you do not need to do anything unless NHS Test and Trace tells you to
- ✗ you're going abroad but do not have symptoms
- ✗ you've arrived in the UK from abroad but do not have symptoms – you need to self-isolate if you've come from a country with a high coronavirus risk
- ✗ your employer or school has asked you to get a test but you do not have symptoms

Headteacher's Awards



Mason (Y2) – Subtracting crossing 10
 Lyra (Y1) – Effort in Phonics/Number
 Lili May (Y6) – Subtracting Fractions
 Aidan (Y6) – Subtracting Fractions
 Cameron (Y6) – Subtracting Fractions
 Kai (Y6) – Subtracting Fractions
 Bobby (Y3) – 3 times table
 Charlie (Y4) – Excelling at Reading
 Charlotte (Y4) – Excelling at Reading
 Emily (Y6) – Supportive Friend
 Thomas (Y6) – Subtraction
 Harry (Y4) – Reading Comprehension
 Madison (Y3) – Money Calculations
 Xaiden (Y6) - Reading Comprehension
 Jake (Y6) - Reading Comprehension
 Quinn (Y5) – Sentence structure
 Billy (Y3) – Descriptions
 Dylan (Y3) - Descriptions

Friday 18th December 2020

This is our end of term and collection times are:

1:15pm – Rec / Nurture / Yr 1 /Yr 6
 1.20pm - Nursery / Yr 2
 1.25pm – Yr 3 / Yr 5
 1.30pm – Yr 4

Learning with Us.....this month

Google Classroom

Visit our website at

<https://stmaryandstpauls.org.uk/home-learning/>

This will explain our processes to online learning in case your child needs to be off.

Check out our video on how to use it

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GUuNnZ5XkZU>

Thank you

Mr Parks