

St Mary & St Paul's CE Primary School

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Headteacher's Message



It is hard to believe that a full half term has now passed and it has been amazing to see how much brilliant work has been completed by the children. It is always a delight to give out certificates and stickers to those who have worked so hard in class.

Thank you for your continued support this half term as we have celebrated our Harvest Festival and also run our Sponsored Event to raise funds for school fund. Thank you for your generosity.

Attendance remains a concern and we are under increasing pressure from the government and local authority to improve this across the school. We continue to work with parents, carers and the local authority to ensure that children are in school every day.

Thank you as always – Mr Brooksbank

Harvest Festival

A massive thank you to all of our families who supported our Harvest Festival by providing food and by attending the service in church.

It was a time to be thankful to God for all that He has given to us.



Diary Dates



Thursday 24th October – Break up for Half term

Friday 25th October – INSET training for staff

Monday 4th Nov – School re opens after half term

Wed 6th – Fri 8th Nov – Y6 Barnstondale

Monday 11th Nov – Remembrance Service

Tuesday 12th November – Odd Socks Day

Week of 11th November – Assessment week

Friday 15th November – Children in Need

Tues 18th – Thurs 21st Nov – TT Rock Star Challenge

Thursday 21st November – Winter Bingo

Week of 25th Nov – Book Fair

Please see the school website 'Dates for your Diary' section for an early update on the key Christmas activities.

Year 3 – Stone Age

Year 3 had a wonderful time in Calderstones Park. They learned about a range of different trees and their uses in the Stone Age, they had a go at using charcoal to create some cave drawings and they learned lots of interesting facts about the Calderstones.



Assembly Theme – Big Questions

The second half of this term we have been looking at some key questions that our children wanted to know more about. Does God make mistakes? Why does God let bad things happen? How can I be a good Christian?



*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.

Headteacher's Awards

Erin S (4) Historical research
 Naira S (4) – Historical research
 Ben Mc (6) – Handwriting
 James M (2) – RWI sentences
 Chizitara I (1) – Art work
 Penny H (1) – History
 Raye O (1) – History
 Ebony Mc (1) – History
 Lola F-T (3) – Maths
 Lennie J (3) – English
 Michael C (3) – Maths
 Mohammed H (1) – History
 Lucy H (6) – RE
 Alfie W (6) – RE
 Abigail M (6) - RE



Attendance

Congratulations to Year 1 who are currently leading our attendance chart with 91.4%

We need to see every child in school every day!

	October	Year
Rec	94.9%	93.6%
Year 1	93%	94.4%
Year 2	89.5%	91.3%
Year 3	93.6%	90.9%
Year 4	93.2%	93.5%
Year 5	91.4%	92.2%
Year 6	92.6%	94.1%
SS1	88.2%	90.9%
SS2	90.3%	86.3%

Sports Teams

Our Cross Country team have now competed in the first race of the season. This is a brand new team with a group of Year 4 children racing for the first time. Overall we were placed 13/24 for the boys' team and 9/22 for the girls' team

Congratulations to Omoghene who was 5th and Polly-Anna who was 11th.

Fundraising

Just a reminder that if you shop at Asda and use the Asda app, please link to our school in the Cashpot for Schools (SMSP – L35 5DN). So far we have raised £137.18



Also, a letter was sent out about logging into Easy Fundraising (especially for all the online shopping up to Christmas). If you register our school to your account a small percentage of each purchase is passed on to school. It is really easy to do and will make a huge difference.

We have raised £43.31 from 18 supporters. It would be great to have more of our parents and carers join in!

Health & Safety

Just a couple of reminders to ensure that the children are kept as safe as possible when they are on site.

Jewellery – please ensure that all jewellery is removed from the children prior to coming to school. This includes rings, necklaces and bracelets. Small stud earrings are allowed.

Play equipment – at the end of the day when you collect your children, please do not allow them to use the gym equipment or timber trail as we do not want there to be any accidents.