

St Mary & St Paul's CE Primary School

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Headteacher's Message

It is so wonderful to finally see the sun and enjoy a little more light, both at the start and end of the day which is a sign that Spring is on the way. We have so many wonderful events happening in March, not least Ash Wednesday, World Book Day, Red Nose Day and of course so much learning to continue with.

Lots of you will be receiving your monthly traffic light sheet about your child's attendance. We send these out so that you are kept fully up to date with the amount of time that your child has been in school. We have changed the information to show the number of days of absence that there have been (and also in weeks). This is taken directly from our daily registers and shows that every absence has an impact on your child's learning and research shows that this affects future life chances.

We are holding a special school attendance week on the week starting Monday 10th March with the focus being 'We cannot teach an empty chair'. **We would love you to continue to make school attendance a priority.**

Thank you for your continuing support – we love seeing the children come into school on time, each day (8.45am start) – happy and ready to learn. They are so enthusiastic about their lessons and the atmosphere around school is amazing.

Mr Brooksbank



Diary Dates



Thursday 6th March – World Book Day
Monday 10th March – Attendance Week
Monday 10th March – Assessment Week
Tuesday 11th March – Lent Prayer Spaces
Friday 14th March – Red Nose Day
Monday 17th March – Healthy School Week
Tuesday 18th March – Y1 / SS2 – Imagine That
Thursday 20th March – Easter Bingo
Monday 24th March – Rock Kidz Day (Theme : Kindness, Inclusivity and Valuing others)

Future Dates

Tuesday 1st April – Cathedral Praise (Y4 & Y5)
Wednesday 2nd April – KS2 Values Awards
Thursday 3rd April – KS1 / EYFS Value Awards
Thursday 3rd April – Easter Service

Friday 4th April 1.30pm – School finishes for Easter

Tuesday 22nd April 8.45am – School reopens for Summer Term

World Book Day

Reading is a priority at SMSP and we love to encourage the children to read at every opportunity. This starts from the ability to learn to read in EYFS through to the reading of class books and individual readers in KS2.

Our World Book Day theme this year is 'Read Anywhere – with creative, crazy hair'. This is taking place on **Thursday 6th March**.



Year 3 – Visit to the Recycling Centre

Year 3 had a fantastic time at the Recycling Centre in Gilmoor, seeing how the council separate and reuse the rubbish that we throw away. This links in with our new ECO committee who will be working in school and sharing ideas with you to help look after our planet.

Assembly Theme – Serve

This half term we have started to look at our Christian Value of SERVE and how this impacts us in real life. The bible shares how Jesus sets his life aside in order to improve it for others and how we can do this too. We are also looking at Psalm 23 and Easter.



*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.

Healthy School

We have started to work towards the Healthy Schools Award (as part of a Knowsley initiative) and have shared lots of ideas with the children already.

The school kitchen have changed the menu slightly with there now being less cakes / desserts on offer and now an option of fruit / yoghurts is available more often. Also, juice has come off the menu and many children are enjoying milk or water instead.

How you can help

Please send the children to school with a 'healthy packed lunch' thinking carefully about how some of the items for lunch can have a healthy focus – with less sweet items!

Please send the children to school with water in water bottles – this helps focus and learning. Fruit juices do not work in the same way.



Headteacher's Awards

Renae L (N) – Counting skills
 Elliott M (SS1) – Counting skills
 Alfie W (6) – Science
 Emily F (6) – RE
 Abigail M (6) – RE
 Lucy H (6) – Science
 Sylvia (6) – Science
 Mohammed H (1) – English
 Jayden J (1) – English
 Dorcas O (1) – English
 Nsikak U (1) – English
 George B (1) – Reading
 Mia-Rae (4) – Art
 Seany-Jay (4) Art



After School Club

Please make sure that children are booked in by **12 noon** of the day that they are attending.

School Uniform

Just a reminder that PE should be a white T-shirt and either school tracksuit or dark blue / black tracksuit bottoms / leggings.

If they haven't got a school tracksuit then the school jumper should be worn

Attendance Percentages

	Feb	Overall
Reception	89.4%	89.1%
Year 1	94.1%	92.5%
Year 2	92.5%	89.9%
Year 3	90.9%	88.4%
Year 4	96.1%	92.4%
Year 5	92%	92.6%
Year 6	94%	91.8%
SS1	91.7%	87.7%
SS2	85.6%	83.3%