



St Mary's
Catholic Primary School and Nursery

Newsletter

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Deputy Head Teacher Appointment

The governing body have been involved in recruiting a new **Deputy Head Teacher** for St Mary's over the past few months. A representative group of school council members were also involved in the process. We are delighted to confirm that on Tuesday 23rd February, **Mrs Wright** was appointed to the post. Mrs Wright will be visiting whenever possible between now and her start date to meet the pupils, staff and parents. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Wright to the St Mary's team and I am sure she will receive a warm welcome from all.



School Website



We hope you have had the opportunity to visit our new website since the last newsletter. Please visit your child's class page to keep updated! We will continue to add and change things as we go along.

Computing Champions- Parent Sessions

As Computing leads in school, we are keen to heighten the awareness of E-Safety issues for our pupils, parents and staff. Consequently, we have organised three days with '**Computing Champions**' who will lead assemblies, workshops and parent sessions.



Parent sessions have been organised to give you practical advice for safeguarding your children, as well as informing you of the risks posed by various forms of technology. As we know, technology moves at a rapid pace and we have to keep up with it!

Key Stage One parents are invited to join us on **Tuesday 8th March at 2.15pm until 3pm** in the KS2 Hall and **Key Stage Two** parents are invited on **Monday 21st March at 3.15pm until 4pm**, again in the KS2 Hall. We hope you are able to attend the sessions and we look forward to seeing you there.

Miss Johnson, Miss Woodward and Miss Hough

No Chewing Gum

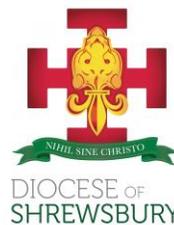


Chewing gum is not permitted on site. Please ensure that your child does not come to school with chewing gum at any time. We have recently been plagued by gum both in school and around the site. Thank you for your full co-operation.

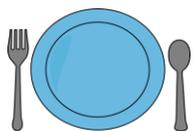
Diocesan School Building Fund

An updated leaflet from the Diocese concerning the Building Fund has now been circulated. There are a number of changes which are summarised as follows;

- i) if you wish to make your voluntary contribution annually by Direct Debit or Standing Order, the leaflet explains where the forms can be downloaded from. The first contribution will be made on 7 March 2016. You can also use the forms to Gift Aid your contribution;
- ii) as a new option, the leaflet explains how you can contribute directly to the Schools Building Fund on-line. Again, you will also be able to Gift Aid your contribution using this method;
- iii) if you wish to make your voluntary contribution by cash/cheque direct to school, the leaflet enables you to make donations in this way using a detachable page in the leaflet (Form A). A detachable Gift Aid Declaration (Form B) is also included in the leaflet that can be used if you are making your contribution by cash/cheque directly to school.



Lunch Time



Please may I remind parents and carers that we do not have the capacity to be able to swap and change pupils in Key Stage 1 from sandwiches to a hot school meal and vice versa on a daily basis. As most of our food is fresh, orders are placed well in advance, and **we require at least a weeks' notice for the change to take place.**

On Line Payments

Please remember, payments can be made on line for school lunches, Early Years Snack, building fund, trips etc. Visit our website www.stmaryscrewe.co.uk and look for the e-payments to schools under the parent and carer zone.



School Telephone Number



Please remember that it is important that all parents and carers make a note or store the school phone number on mobile phones so that you are aware that it is school calling and not a nuisance number! If we are calling you, it will be important for one reason or another.

0845 1480060

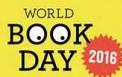
In addition, it is also vitally important that we have **up to date numbers and contact details for you.** Please ensure your details are returned on the data collection sheets or updated using an internal school form for the remainder of the year. Thank you.

Sacramental Programme Dates

For those parents and pupils involved in preparation with the parish catechists, please make a note of the remaining dates: **Children's sessions at St Mary's in KS1 Hall from 9.30am to 10.30am** on 6th March and 17th April
The Parish Catechist Team



World Book Day 2016



World Book Day 2016 takes place **on Thursday this week!** We look forward to enjoying a day focussed on the joy of reading!

School Information

Please find a link below to the DFE school performance tables.

<http://www.education.gov.uk/cgi-bin/schools/performance/search.pl?postcode=cw2+8ad&distance=1&phase=all&searchType=postcode>



Uniform Reminder



There are a number of pupils who are not in the correct uniform. Our policy is clear: **if your child is wearing a shirt; a tie is required.** Ties are available directly from school. If your child does not have a tie, please ensure they are wearing a school polo shirt. Please ensure your child has appropriate, **black, stout school shoes** and a warm weatherproof coat which has your child's name clearly marked in it. **Tights and socks should be plain and grey.** Please remember that **boots will need to be changed once your child has arrived in school.** It is vitally important that we maintain our high standards. Thank you.

SMART Club

SMART Club Fees are now as follows:

Breakfast Club	£ 4.50
4.15 Club	£ 6.20
After School Club	£10.00
Holiday Club – Full Day	£21.00
Holiday Club – Half Day	£11.00



Siblings will continue to benefit from a 10% discount in the above fees. **If your child is booked in and you no longer require the place, please inform a member of the team to avoid us worrying that we have a missing child or have a potential safeguarding issue. Thank you.**

We have places available for holiday club during the **Easter break.** For all SMART club bookings, enquiries and information please contact a member of the team on **07983304425**

Term Date Reminder 2015 2016

	School Closes	School re-opens
Easter 2016	Thursday 24th March	Tuesday 12th April
May Day	Friday 29 th April	Tuesday 3 rd May
Summer Half Term	Friday 27 th May	Monday 6 th June
Summer 2016	Tuesday 19th July	

Good Friday 25th March 2016 Easter Monday 28th March 2016 May Day 2nd May 2016
Remaining INSET DAYS (school closed for pupils) 20th and 21st July 2016

Dates for 2016 / 2017 are at the end of this newsletter to ensure all holidays are booked during school closure periods.

Nail Varnish

Please check that your child is not coming into school with nail varnish on. We seem to have had a number of issues recently with pupils required to remove it in school. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.



Hair Cuts



Please remember that as part of our uniform policy, **pupils are not permitted to have extreme haircuts for school.**

Early Years Pupil Premium

The Early Years Pupil Premium is additional funding that St Mary's can claim for our Nursery children. This additional funding is used to support children's development, learning and care. Any claim is based on; children whose parents are in receipt of certain benefits or children who were in local authority care but are no longer in care because they were adopted or were subject to a special guardianship or child arrangements order.



If you think you may be able to help, please ask Mrs Lee, our School Business Manager for a short application form to complete. Only limited information is required to check eligibility which includes your National Insurance number, name and date of birth. Your personal circumstances will not be discussed.

For further information, please contact Mrs L Lee, call Cheshire East Early Years and Childcare on 01270 685888 or visit www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/fee

Please take time to apply TODAY and help our school!

Photos & Videos on Site



Please may I remind anyone using our site, including pupils, that **filming or taking photos is not permitted.** As with all photography and filming, you are unaware of restrictions in terms of other peoples images and their use. Many parents do not give permission for their child to be photographed or filmed for a variety of reasons. **By filming or photographing others, their safety could be at risk.** What could appear to be an innocent, friendly snap, has the potential to get into the wrong hands with devastating consequences. We must continue our high level of vigilance and safeguarding for the safety and well being of everyone. Far from being dramatic, petty or over exaggerated, the reality is that breaching this could genuinely endanger lives. **Thank you for your full co-operation at all times.**

Morning Snack

KS2 pupils are unlikely to need any more than **£1 per day** to purchase a sufficient snack during the morning break. Some pupils are over ordering and over eating. Sometimes pupils not even have enough time to finish eating all the food they have bought and often spoils their appetite for lunch! Please visit our website to see a copy of the **snack menu** and **per item costs** to help you send in enough money each day.



Cards for Sale – Mothering Sunday



Our keen card makers are busy creating beautiful cards for Mother's Day as well as their usual stock cards for Birthdays etc. Please call into the school reception area to have a browse!

Class 13 Assembly

Thank you to those who were able to join Class 13 for their assembly on Friday as we continue our prayer journey through Lent.



Operation Encompass



Our school is participating in a Police-led initiative called Operation Encompass; a scheme which will ensure that we can better support any child where a domestic incident has been reported to the Police from their home.



Following a domestic incident, the Police will make contact with us, communicating any relevant information to nominated, fully-trained school staff. This ensures that we are made aware early enough to support children and young people in a way that means they feel safe, supported and listened to.

Our Learning Mentor, Mrs Murray (who is called a key adult in this situation) will liaise with the police, when required, whilst at the same time ensuring support is available to the child.



The initiative has already been trialed in a number of schools across the Local Authority areas of Halton, Warrington, Cheshire West & Chester and Cheshire East with success. You can find out more about Operation Encompass via the following site: <http://www.operationencompass.org/>

The project has been launched county-wide. If you would like to speak to someone further about the initiative, or require any additional information, please contact us. As always at St Mary's, we are committed to working in partnership with local relevant organisations to safeguard and protect children and provide the best possible care and support for our pupils.

Languagenut

Please remember that all our children in Key Stage 2 have been issued with their own login details and password in order to access this languages website at home or in school (www.languagenut.com). There are games, songs and stories linked to the units of work your child is studying this year in French, as well as a host of additional languages your child may be interested in finding out about. There is now the added bonus of being able to record yourself and listen back to try and improve your pronunciation. **(Username: mary2013 Password: crewe)**



Spring Units

- Year 3 – Dans ma Trousse (In my pencil case) Links with Unit 4.2 Colours
- Year 4 – Bon Anniversaire (Happy Birthday!) Links with Unit 2 (numbers) and Unit 17.1 (Months)
- Year 5 – Où habites-tu? (Where do you live?) Links with Unit 15 and 22 (Places in town)
- Year 6 – Les Quatre Saisons (The 4 Seasons) Unit 17

Mrs Brock

Charity Work

Congratulations to the following pupils who have independently given their time to charity work recently;



Lauren Brooke and Evie Pritchard have raised **£25.75** having a cake sale - monies to go to **CAFOD**.

Caitlyn-Leigh Nixon & Abi Gregory-Evans have sold raffle tickets and made **£73.20**. The monies are to be halved between **CAFOD** and school fund.

Ava Silvioli has made a charity donation to the St Vincent de Paul Society of **£28.15**.

We have raised **£129.02** so far for the **CAFOD** water droplets!

Please remember that the £1 Marie Curie Daffodil lapel badges are now on sale at the front desk!



A big well done and thank you everyone!

Missing Uniform Items



Would all parents and carers please be vigilant in checking their laundry for stray uniform! There seems to be a number of missing or muddled PE tops at the moment. The only way we can return lost items to pupils is if they are labelled. Please help by labelling all items of your child's uniform. Thank you!

Nursery News

World Book Day – Thursday 3rd March

We have decided to combine World Book Day with Frozen Day this year – please wear anything to do with “Frozen” or blue/white “cool” colours. We hope to have created a Frozen Castle and have Frozen activities on the day, along with dancing to “Let it go, let it go, let it go”!!



For all the children who do not come to nursery on Thursdays and will miss World Book Day / Frozen Day, we will have a Frozen Day 2 – on **Tuesday 8th March**.



Sock Puppets – we hope to start making sock puppets next week. Thank you to all those who have brought in socks. There is still time to bring in socks, if you haven't already done so.

New Intake – September 2016. We have started to look at the number of children requiring a place in nursery next year. Nursery places tend to fill up quite quickly, so if you know of anyone needing a place for a child who is 3 years old between now and January 2017 please ask them to contact us on 01270 685174 or call into school for an application form. Interested families are welcome to visit nursery too.

Mrs Kerry and the Nursery Team

Wishing Well Project



The Wishing Well project are starting their next 6 week Parenting course on **Tuesday 15th March** at Jubilee House in Crewe. Parents who have attended previous courses have found this very helpful. For more information or to book your place, please contact Wishing Well Project, Jubilee House St. Paul's Street, Crewe CW1 2QA. Tel 01270 256919. It is located in Crewe Town Centre at the far end of the Asda car park. If you would like to see their full programme of activities, you can look on their website www.wishingwellproject.com

Year 3 Chester Trip

Hail Caesar!

On **Wednesday 24th** and **Thursday 25th February**, Year 3 visited the Grosvenor Museum in Chester. Our topic this half term is 'The Rotten Romans' so Chester was the perfect location to begin our learning. During the trip, children looked at Roman artefacts in the museum such as a tablet – we think Apple have the Romans to thank there! The children also participated in a workshop in which they found out about the Roman invasion into Britain and the impact they had on life here. The children took part in a carousel of activities based on the Roman bathhouse, the Roman kitchen and they even put helmets and goggles on to become archaeologists themselves! The highlight for most was the Roman Soldier Tour through the streets of Chester, ending up in the Amphitheatre. The children were very enthusiastic about chanting along to "sin-sin-sin-dex-sin" and kept up the pace mostly well. Some were even offered a job in the Roman army! However, some were put off by the idea of marching for twenty miles away and unfortunately girls were not even allowed to be in it! Sorry girls!



Year 3 had a fantastic day and their behaviour was excellent from start to finish. They were a pleasure to accompany and all the staff members certainly slept well afterwards!

We are looking forward to sharing some of the facts children found out on the trip and hopefully adding to them over the next few weeks.

Miss Woodward, Mrs Messenger and Miss Gater.

Cheshire Schools Awards



The **Cheshire Schools Awards** are back for the second year and you're invited to enter. Whether you are a teacher, a pupil or a parent, this exciting event is your chance to salute your school as we aim to find and celebrate the very best. There are 9 award categories to choose from and it's completely free to enter. Simply visit www.eventsnorthwest.co.uk/cheshire-schools-awards/ to see which category best suits your achievements and then submit your entry by **Friday 18th March 2016**.

Remember, you have to be in it to win it. So get those entries coming in and see if your school can pick up a gong at the 2016 Cheshire Schools Awards.

Looking Ahead 2015 2016

March	3rd	World Book Day
	24th	School closes for Easter break
April	12th	School re-opens
May	2nd	Bank Holiday
	9th	SATs Week
June	6th	One World Week
	8th	New Reception Parents Meeting KS1 Hall 6pm
	20th	Town Sports Cumberland Track (provisional)
	22nd	Town Sports Barony Park (provisional)
	27th	YR Sports (am)
	28th	Y1 Sports (am) Y2 Sports (pm)
	29th	Y3 Sports (am) Y4 Sports (pm)
	30th	Y5 Sports (am) Y6 Sports (pm)
July	4th	New Reception Pupils Visits
	5th	New Reception Pupils Visits
	6th	Y6 Ties & Tiaras Event
	8th	Reports to Parents
	12th	Open Afternoon
	13th	Meet New Teacher
	14th	Y6 Leavers Mass KS2 Hall 9.30am
	19th	School closes for Summer break

TERM DATES 2016 -2017

	School Closes	School re-opens
Summer 2016		Tuesday 6 th September 2016
Autumn Half Term	Thursday 27 th October	Monday 7 th November
Christmas	Wednesday 21 st December	Wednesday 4 th January 2017
Spring Half Term	Friday 17 th February	Tuesday 28 th February
Easter 2017	Thursday 13 th April	Wednesday 3 rd May
Summer Half Term	Friday 26 th May	Monday 5 th June
Summer 2017	Friday 21 st July	

Good Friday 14th April 2017 Easter Monday 17th April 2017 May Day 1st May 2017

Parents are reminded that holidays should be taken during the official school closure periods and leave from learning will only be granted in exceptional circumstances.

INSET DAYS: Monday 5th September 2016, Friday 28th October 2016, Monday 27th February 2017, Tuesday 2nd May 2017 and Monday 24th July 2017

