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May 2017 Newsletter

Special Message to Y6

This term may have been a challenging one for your child and for all Year 6 & Year 2 children nationally. The New Curriculum SATs have been made significantly harder, yet they all completed them with a smile and in a manner which is testament to how they have grown and matured as individuals. Even though these tests are important, they do not show you how special your children are. We are very proud of every single child as they have all demonstrated huge amounts of commitment, enthusiasm and have worked extremely hard in the build up to them.

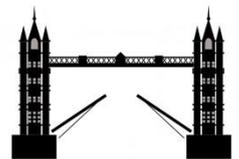
Football Fever

Every day our children – particularly key stage 2 – play football outside. Staff join them sometimes and it is lovely to watch. Our football team never cease to do us proud. They train hard and give 100% during matches. A huge thanks to staff who dedicate a lot of time to training, organising and facilitating matches, also to those parents who turn up to support.

Year 4 Tipi Adventure & Y6 London visit



Two hugely successful residential trips have taken place in the past few weeks. Y4 thoroughly enjoyed their Tipi adventure and everyone had a great time – despite needing a shower and a good night's sleep when they returned. Year 6 visited the sights of London and it was wonderful to hear that members of the public approached Mr Owen to congratulate him on the behaviour of the children. A huge thank you to the staff who give up time with their own families to facilitate such trips.



More about the Year 4 Tipi Adventure

For 2 nights, the children in Year 4 camped in Tipis in the Wyre Forest, West Midlands. It was a fabulous residential with children taking part in a variety of activities including bush craft, climbing, rifle shooting and mission impossible. They also enjoyed a day discovering different animals at the West Midlands Safari Park. The children developed their teamwork, independence and survival skills. All children and staff thoroughly enjoyed their experience surviving in the wild.



Staffing news

We are sorry to announce that Mr Smith will be leaving us to take up a position in a different authority at the end of this half term. Mr Smith will be sadly missed. He wrote a lovely letter to our Governors and I thought I'd share a little of it with you all.

'Despite only working in the school for a short time, I have been given a tremendous amount of support by Mrs Tainsh, Mrs Hulse and the governing body and have had the pleasure of forming close professional and personal friendships with a large number of staff within the school, most recently with Simon Owen through our time working in year 6 together. The entire teaching and support staff in the school made me feel welcome and part of the family from day one and I count them as some of the most talented and dedicated colleagues I have worked with over my career to date. They have made my job much easier and make the school such a special environment to work in. I hope that I was able to contribute to the school as much as they all do.'

We wish Mr Smith all the very best and know that he will be a hard act to follow. Such is his love of St Mary's he will join us for the Leavers Service in July and hopefully to take part in the Teachers v Year 6 Football match (we need him!!)

We are delighted that we have been able to find a replacement for September. Mrs Sara Haslam will join our staff and she brings a whole wealth of experience and enthusiasm – we know that she will be a great asset to St Mary's.

Busy time for Y5

Year 5 were lucky enough to take part in a Quidditch lesson taught by the University of Chester Quidditch team, Chester Chasers. The children had the opportunity to learn the rules of Quidditch and even had broomsticks to ride on! Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



Year 5 recently took part in Crucial Crew, an event by Halton Borough Council teaching Year 5s life skills in safety. Over 40 schools took part in this year's event and St Mary's were selected as the top school for their participation and behaviour, winning them a signed rugby ball and a trophy. Well done Year 5!

And finally ... thank you for all your support this term. I am incredibly proud of every child in this school and of the team of professionals who support them. We know that the school will only thrive if we work in partnership with you. We hope you have a wonderful Half Term holiday and are able to take time to reflect on its true meaning and significance in our lives.

Important Dates

- Friday 26th May – School Closes for Half term holiday
- Monday 12th June – School reopens
- Wednesday 14th June – Y3 trip to Liverpool
- Wednesday 14th June – Family Assembly
- Friday 16th June – School Photographer – Class group photos
- Wednesday 21st June – Y3 Class Assembly
- Wednesday 28th June – Heart Smart Family Assembly
- Thursday 29th June – Sports Day (Juniors – a.m. & Infants p.m.)
- Wednesday 5th July – Y6 Leavers Service, Chester Cathedral
- Wednesday 5th July – Family Assembly
- Wednesday 12th / Thursday 13th July – Y2 Beeston Residential
- Wednesday 12th July – Y5 Experience Day at St Chad's
- Wednesday 26th July – Y6 Leavers Service, St Mary's Church
- Thursday 27th July – Break up for Summer Holiday