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Dear Parents,

This term has got off to another flying start. We welcome our new Nursery children who joined our school community and have settled quickly into school routines. It is a joy to see our youngest children starting school each day with a smile on their faces!



### **Mission Statement**

Thank you to everyone for your input last term towards the new school Mission Statement. The overwhelming theme from children, staff, parents and governors was love which led to the statement "Called to love as God loves". This is underpinned with our seven core values: Love, Faith, Joy, Community, Dignity, Forgiveness and Honesty. The children will be working on these values over the coming weeks and the website will reflect this very shortly. Thank you once again for helping us to develop and articulate the distinctive nature of our school.



### **Stay and Pray**

Next week, the parents in Early Years and Key Stage One are invited to "Stay and Pray" with the children after drop off. The children are very excited and have been busy planning a range of activities for the day. We do hope that you will be able to come and join us.

### **Parish of The Nativity**

On Christmas Day at Mass, Father Michael announced that our Parish will now be known as The Parish of The Nativity, made up of the churches of St Mary's and Holy Family. We ask God Our Father to bless all those in our parish and we keep them in our prayers.

We also remember the Year 3 children and their families who will be presented in church on Sunday as the next step on the Sacramental Programme.



## **Curriculum**

The curriculum continues to be enriched with the Year 3 children going to Chester this week to travel back to the roman times. I have been particularly impressed with the children in Year 2 who have been studying "The Great Fire of London". The quality of the homework and the models they have made are incredible. The topic has clearly "sparked" an interest with them! Well done to the children.

## **Pupil Leadership**

The School Council have been busy organising a pyjama event. A letter from them will follow this week whilst the Chaplaincy GIFT team have been working hard behind the scenes in collaboration with Newman College in designing a Prayer Garden to be opened later this term.



## **Wellbeing Ambassadors**

Congratulations to our newly appointed Wellbeing Ambassadors. Not only will they raise awareness of positive wellbeing in their own class, but throughout the school community. The team will lead in a range of activities to support the positive wellbeing of their peers, staff and parents.

## **After School Clubs**

Children continue to enjoy a wide range of opportunities after school this term including: netball, multi skills, badminton, tag rugby, Forest School and reading and maths clubs.

Well done to the footballers who played this week. Both teams beat the opposition but more importantly Miss Whitehead said that they represented St Mary's with a perfect sporting attitude.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the "Action Duchenne Bauble Appeal", a charity which is very close to our hearts. We raised a fabulous £189.00.

Finally, on behalf of The Friends of St Mary's, thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Jumper Day. We raised a total of £166.08 for Save the Children. The Friends also raised £131.04 last term making toast for the juniors each Friday morning.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

Ms M. Garvey

**Diary Dates:**

Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Presentation Service for Year 3 - 1pm in Church
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Stay and Pray - Nursery
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Stay and Pray - Year 1
Thurs 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Stay and Pray - Year 2
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Year 3 Assembly - KS2 Hall 9.15am
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Skipping Workshop Years 1-4
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 5 Romeo and Juliet at Grange Theatre
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Pyjama Day organised by School Council
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Wear red for Valentine's Day - The Friends of St Mary's School Closes for Half-Term
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School Opens

***Stay With Us Lord On Our Journey***