



# St Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School

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Dear parents

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As we approach half term after next week, we can reflect on many recent successes at St. Mary's.

## **DATA AND INSPECTION – best in the area, top 20% in the country.**

You will have received a copy of our successful inspection report; and this week, the Department for Education published more of their data, which **places the school in the top 20% nationally** for performance in Reading, Writing and Mathematics, as well as in the Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar test – and also in the Phonics performance in the infant tests. Congratulations to everyone involved; this is a unique achievement in our local schools. Thank you to parents for all your support with homework, supporting our school trips and for all the other help you provide. This really is a 'team effort' for our children to achieve highly!

## **TRIPS AND EVENTS**

**Rich learning** has gone on outside of our regular classes too. Y6 have just visited Cadbury World in Birmingham to learn about the Maya culture and how chocolate was developed; Y2 went this week to Liverpool Museum, to support their 'Transport through time' topic; and Y3 went to Weaver Hall Museum to learn about the Stone Age. We have a full programme for the year ahead....don't forget to keep checking our website calendar!

In addition, **educational visitors** to classes have included our Police Community Support Officers; lots of sports coaches; weekly violin tuition in Y5; and the Book People literacy bus. Children have been designing their own Christmas cards for you to buy; and the school photographer has been in to provide those lovely photos in time for Christmas!

**Professionals often help our children**, as we work closely with other agencies. This half term, visitors have included occupational therapists; an educational psychologist; speech therapy service; school nurses and others.

**Wider community events** have included a Y3 assembly for families; school discos for pupils; our Reception class Macmillan Coffee/singalong event; and a weekly 'Help your Child with Learning' course for parents.

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

Many exciting things are coming up. Just a few are listed here. Nicola from 'Cheshire Young Carers' will be doing an assembly with us in November; the School Choir will be practising for Christmas events, including Carol singing at Morrison's; Y4 are in a shared Carol Concert at the Catholic High School; the infants will be doing their Nativity; and Y5 will begin to prepare for a drama and singing event on the main stage at the amazing Storyhouse Theatre, Chester. Y6 will become 'Dementia Friends', learning about Alzheimer's Disease.

**Mr. Thorpe will also be joining St Mary's, for our fabulous 'Forest Schools' outdoor learning launch soon!**

## **PARENT-TEACHER EVENINGS**

We look forward to seeing you all next week on Wednesday and Thursday at our parent teacher evenings. If you haven't been before, all the teachers are in the hall; and you can go down to the classes to look at your children's work and to enjoy the environment. **Book now online or via our office, if you haven't yet.**

Yours sincerely

*R. Hughes*



Mass times at St Mary of the Angels Church – Sunday @ 9.00am