

Dear parents

Some pieces of news.....

**WELL DONE** to our Year 5 & 6 footballers, who took part in the local football tournament last week and were in BRONZE position in their group! Well done to our sports superstars Cameron, Ruby, Edward, Deacon, Daniel, Christian, George, Jason, Luke and Joseph! More competitions later this year.

**WELL DONE** also to some of our Y1 and Y2 children who went to a Maths problem solving event at Wolverham Primary school this week, to represent St Mary's at a multi-school event; they were wonderful ambassadors - and demonstrated great ideas. Thanks to Rhys, Gabriel, Holly and Corey!

### **CHESTER ZOO PROJECT**

Some of our teachers are working with international curriculum experts Dr Debra Kidd and Hywel Roberts, on a stunning project with the education department at Chester Zoo. Working with some other local schools too, we are developing a fantastic term of units of work, hopefully for next summer term, using latest methodologies. It will really bring learning to life for our children! More details soon.

### **LOCAL AUTHORITY VISIT**

This week the Local Authority visited the school to check progress and they were delighted with what they saw. Pupils' superb attitudes to learning were noted, and the excellent progress they're making. Lessons were observed in all classes last week, with 100% of lessons good or outstanding. Well done to all the pupils, parents, their teachers and support staff. We're grateful for your partnership in ensuring that daily reading and homework is completed. Those pupils who read every day are making accelerated progress. And we know that the children are enjoying their Mathematics practice!

### **PARENTS' SUPPORT GROUP MEETING**

This took place in school today, thanks to those kind people who came; their first event will be a Christmas Fair on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December, after school! It should be great. More details soon, from our organisers! If you couldn't come today, you're still very welcome to help.

### **AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

Another round of after school clubs is now underway, thanks to our Co-ordinator, Mr Merrick. If you didn't get a chance this half term, don't worry – there'll be more clubs, each half term. So far we've had Arts Club, Sewing, Dodgeball, Football...and others! Well done also to the Year 5 pupils who are also enjoying Maths Reasoning Club, which continues until Christmas; it's a great way to practise your Maths skills - in small groups of only 5 or less, as all the teachers are helping out!

### **BOOK FAIR IN SCHOOL**

The book fair will be back, raising funds for new school books as well as providing cheap books for you – ideal for Christmas presents. It is in school before and after school daily, ***week beginning 20 November.***

*Also a reminder that dates of Advent/Christmas and other activities are on our website (The 'calendar' is on the homepage, halfway down, at [www.stmaryoftheangels.co.uk](http://www.stmaryoftheangels.co.uk)).*

Yours sincerely

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