

St Mark's C.E. Primary School & Little Lions' Nursery



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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a very busy week in school this week!

EYFS have had a busy week talking about journeys into space through their class reader, 'Whatever Next.' Children in KS1 have been using algorithms to control fish in their recent Computing lesson. The children in Year 3 and 4 have been using drama in English to help them create character descriptions. Upper KS2 have been exploring spreadsheets and have even looked at creating their own. I was really impressed with their enthusiasm for this!

On Tuesday, school had a visit from the WOWs School Improvement Consultant. She met with myself and other leaders throughout her very positive visit. She commented on the children's attitude to learning and the way school is moving each subject area forward.

On Wednesday, Mrs Booth, Mrs Ensor and I spent the day sorting and labelling our new home readers. We apologise for books not being sent home with your children over the last few day; this is due to school working hard to improve the quality of home reading books. Where possible, please read a shared book with your child at home. New reading books will be sent out next week.

On Thursday, we had a special visit from the DfE who came into school to talk to teachers about professional development opportunities. They were very interested to discuss how we work together as a Multi-Academy Trust and how teachers are supported professionally.

All of the children from Year 1 through to Year 6 have had a visit from workers at Chester Zoo. We are currently working with them on a 'Wildlife Connections' project and they will in school delivering lessons for the next four weeks. If you haven't already sent back your consent letter for our amazing FREE trip, please ensure you do so as soon as possible.

A reminder that dogs (with the exception of guide dogs) are not to be brought onto the premises at any time. Children have also been asked to dismount from bikes and scooters at the school gate and we would like any parents on bikes to do the same please.

As always, parents are not to park on the yellow lines outside of school between the hours of 8am and 5pm. We would also ask you to remain mindful of residents of the street when parking cars on the street. Thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

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