

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



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a week full of fun at school this week!

A huge thank you to all of the parents that attended our 'Coffee, Cake and a Catch Up' session on Thursday. We really value parental feedback and it was brilliant to be able to have conversations with you about what you think is great about school and how you feel we can move forward and improve. We will be looking into all of your suggestions and will be getting back to you with what we are doing about each of them. Thank you also to the parents that attended the 'Reading Leader Volunteer' training in the afternoon. We are really excited to get our volunteer reading programme up and running next half term. If you didn't manage to attend these events, please speak with Mrs Booth and she will be happy to go through anything you have missed.

The children in Little Lions' and Reception had an amazing time when the farm came to visit them on Thursday. They got to give the goats a cuddle, walk a baby alpaca and hold a hen. They learned all about the farmyard animals and will be completing some work about their visit after half term.

Children from Year 1 to Year 6 had an absolutely magical time at Chester Zoo on Thursday. They got to explore bat caves, walk through butterfly enclosures and see the mighty lions and tigers. It was fantastic to see their faces as they returned from the trip, full of stories to tell about their favourite animals and exciting adventures. The children behaved brilliantly on the trip and one of the Zoo Keepers even commented that the school was 'the most well behaved school they have had through the bat cave enclosure.' As always, the children used their manners and, although excited, were extremely sensible.

On Friday morning, school had a visit from the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra; they visited each year group and played for them. This was an absolutely amazing experience for the children to hear live music being played to them. They thoroughly enjoyed it, as did the staff!

You may already be aware that in school we have a code of conduct for staff, and a separate one for governors, and are currently working to develop one for parents. We feel it is important to involve parents in this process and include your views and so we would like to invite you to a workshop on Wednesday 4th March at 2:00pm, where we will begin to draft our own version. Pastoral staff and school leaders will be there to welcome you with a brew and cake and we look forward to seeing you!

A reminder that school reopens on Monday 24th February at 8:40am. Please stay safe over the holiday period and wrap up warm. We will be posting photos on our Facebook page throughout the holiday week of EXTREME READING taking place. Please take a picture of your children reading in 'quirky places' and send them into school on the first day back. We will share them in our Extreme reading assembly and display them in our library.

Have a lovely half-term full of making memories with loved ones,

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