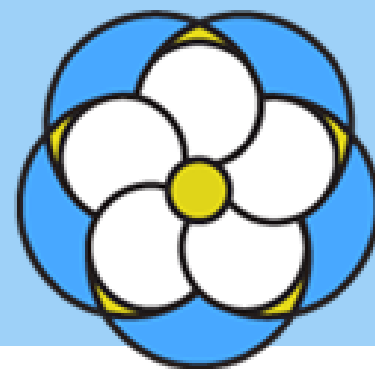


# St Mary's Church of England Junior School

Newsletter 2 – 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020



## *From the Principal*

### **Courage**

Our first few weeks back have been a true testament to the courage and resilience of many – our children, parents and staff alike. It is courage in many ways though... courage to come back to the classroom environment when most of our children have been learning from home, the courage to find new ways of doing things and new routines, courage to use technology in a way that has not been a part of the learning process before, and the courage to have hope.

Your children have been sharing their thoughts on what courage means to them as well:

Courage means...

- ...that we try and try again!
- ...that we take risks to keep trying, pushing through it and challenging ourselves.
- ...to stand up and be strong, having confidence in yourself.
- ...never giving up.
- ...being brave.
- ...overcoming our fears, even when we are nervous.
- ...standing up for yourself.
- ...coming to school even when you're feeling down.
- ...seeing a hard maths question and doing it anyway.

Wise words from our children indeed and, great models of courage too!

God bless,

Ms Cranmer

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### *Congratulations to our superstars for week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> September:*

3 Dahl: Thomas B  
3 Potter: Layla-Rose M  
4 Curie: Lucie-May H  
4 King Jr: Sidney B  
5 Attenborough: Katie H  
5 Bevan: Ethan W  
6 Parks: Joseph P-S  
6 Switzer: Michael L

*We are holding celebration assemblies with one class hosting and presenting to the rest of the school via video feed. This is in order for us to keep the whole school unified, despite our physical separation, and to ensure that we encourage children to continue celebrating each other's achievements.*

*Children will be handed their certificates in class, however, unfortunately, we will be unable to have our 'Friday Hot Chocolates,' as we cannot gather children from across the school together for this. In order to keep the spirit of 'Hot Chocolate Fridays' alive, we will be sending home hot chocolate cones, so that your child may enjoy their hot chocolate at home with you, whilst sharing celebrating their success.*



## LEARNING AND CURRICULUM NEWS

### ***Class Learning Blog***

Look at how we have been learning this week...

### **Curie Class Learning Blog**

It has been a great start to the new year in Curie class. It has been lovely to see the children returning with their smiley faces and their eagerness to learn and take on new challenges.

Last week saw the end of our first topic - Inspirational people. We hope you saw the photos from all the classes on the school website, please do have a look at all our hard work. We have learnt a lot of facts about Marie Curie, her work as a scientist and her discoveries. In the photo you can see the children working hard on their fact files.

We have also been using our design technology skills to make 3D daffodils from card - they are the symbol of the Marie Curie charity which we will be raising money for this year. As a class we learnt that the daffodil is a symbol of hope for the charity.



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## Autumn Term Curriculum Calendar

**Curriculum vision:** The curriculum here at St Mary's Church of England Junior School is an avenue for discovery and knowledge of the wider world. We will use clear purpose, audience, engagement, interaction and oracy to drive learning of a wider curriculum with an outcome of 'showing what we know' - a display of knowledge and celebration of learning through high aspirations, courage, resilience, positive relationships and God's love.

<u><b>Week commencing</b></u>	<u><b>Mission and values/ Christian Distinctiveness</b></u>	<u><b>Show What We Know about...</b></u>	<u><b>Learning purpose</b></u>
7 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Courage</b>	<b>History</b>	<u><b>We are Historians</b></u> An inspired classroom -Virtual presentations to parents
14 <sup>th</sup> September			
21 <sup>st</sup> September		<b>PSHE/ART/ DT</b>	<u><b>We are Artists,</b></u> <u><b>Thankful for our Community</b></u> Celebrating and supporting our community
28 <sup>th</sup> September			
5 <sup>th</sup> October		<b>Reading</b>	<u><b>We are Authors and Storytellers</b></u> We love reading - celebrating the history and storytelling of other cultures <u><b>-Let us tell you a story...</b></u>
12 <sup>th</sup> October			
19 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Resilience</b>	<b>Science</b>	<u><b>We are Scientists</b></u> Celebrating Earth Science Week -Science Fair
2 <sup>nd</sup> November		<b>Geography</b>	<u><b>We are Geographers</b></u> Maps and globes – Quiz masters
9 <sup>th</sup> November			
16 <sup>th</sup> November		<b>Science</b>	<u><b>We are Scientists</b></u> Extraordinary Experiments on display
23 <sup>rd</sup> November			
30 <sup>th</sup> November		<b>Religious Education and Music</b>	<u><b>We are Humanitarians:</b></u> Virtual Christmas productions Christmas Around the World -Let's celebrate together virtually
7 <sup>th</sup> December			
14 <sup>th</sup> December			

\*Please note that music, RE and languages will continue to be taught weekly.

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## SCHOOL NEWS, UPDATES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

### **School Lunches**

As previously mentioned, the school kitchen is now open again with a lovely selection of hot and cold food on offer. Each day there is a meat or vegetarian hot meal or a selection of sandwiches or pasta pot (on a Friday).

If your child would like to try a school lunch, they just need to order on the day in their classrooms. The cost of a lunch is £2.20 and this is paid on the Parentmail App (please email Mrs Drake if you need assistance with this).

Please find attached a copy of the Menu.

### **Water Bottles**

Please could you ensure that your child only has water in their water bottles which they have in the Classroom. This is in case of spillages, as water is easier to clear up than squash. If they need to, children can have a carton of juice or squash bottle in with their packed lunch.

### **Flu Immunisations**

#### **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November**

Don't forget to go to the link <https://tinyurl.com/ycr7xabt> by 30th September to ensure that you have either given or declined consent for the Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 flu immunisations. The immunisations will take place this year on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November**. *If you require a paper copy of this letter, please let the office know.*

### **Home Learning Packs**

Pupils will be bringing home a Home Learning Pack next Friday, which contains a pen, pencil and workbook. There is no need to do anything with this at the moment, but please keep this in a safe place to be used if your child is self-isolating or in case of a lockdown situation.

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## **Face Masks**

**We cannot ignore the fact that cases across the country and in Norfolk are rising. Therefore, in order to keep our school families and staff safe, please can we remind ALL ADULTS (not children) who are dropping off, or picking up children, to where a **protective mask outside of school gates.****

**We very much appreciate your understanding and support!**



## ***Pupil Photographs***



The school photographer will be in school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October to take individual photographs of your children. Unfortunately, this year we will be unable to have sibling/family group photographs as this will cause a breach of the year group bubbles.

## ***MSA role***

Would you be interested in coming to work for us as a Mid-day Lunchtime Supervisor? Please contact our school office to let them know of your interest and keep your eyes peeled for further information in the coming weeks.

## ***Safeguarding report***

### **Online - Age Limits**

When children are using the internet, it is always good practice to monitor what they are doing.

Age limits for social media (Facebook, What's App, Instagram, Tik Tok, Snapchat)

In Europe, most social media platforms have a minimum age of 16 (13 with parental consent) before a user can create an account, due to the General Data Protection Regulation, or GDPR, which came into effect on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Please bare this in mind when you are monitoring. These recommendations are for a reason!










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## GIVING BACK

### 2019 – 2020 Charity Donations made...

Look at what you have raised last year! This is particularly remarkable in light of the fact that many of our fundraisers had to be cancelled due to lockdown restrictions. Fundraising and getting involved in charitable causes is vital to our work as a school, encouraging our children to take an active part in improving both our immediate and wider communities. School funds raised have been put towards learning resources, technology resources for classrooms as well as our send-off event for our Year 6s. Thank you for your continued support.

CLASS	CHARITY	AMOUNT RAISED FOR CHARITY	AMOUNT RAISED FOR SCHOOL
3 Potter		£703.06	£703.06
3 Mozart		£80.38	£80.37
4 Bevan		£216.63	£216.62
4 Curie		£350.75	£340.74
5 King Jr		£57.96	£57.95
5 Attenborough		£133.25	£133.24
6 Earhart		£161.16	£161.15
6 Switzer		£145.79	£145.78
After School Club		£34.75	£34.75





## **2020 – 2021 CHARITABLE FUNDRAISING...**

### ***Thankful for our Community fundraiser***

***Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October***

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October is National Walk to School Day and the culmination of our 'Thankful for our Community' topic work. We would therefore like to invite you to have your children walk to school wearing rainbow colours on that day, with 50% of all donations going directly into class charities and 50% back into school resources.



### ***Jeans for Genes***

**Together, we have raised a fantastic **£172.50** for this great cause!**

**Thank you for your support.**







*Jeans for Genes raises money for Genetic Disorders UK and aims to change the world for children with genetic disorders. Individually, genetic disorders are rare but together they affect 1 in 25 children born in the UK – that's more than 30,000 babies each year. Their associated health problems mean that genetic disorders are the biggest cause of death of children aged 14 years and under.*

***See the next page for the charities that we are supporting this academic year...***

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2020 – 2021 Class Charities					
(Please be advised that we continue to support additional charities such as comic/sports relief, World Book Day, etc)					
Historical role	Class name	Linked charity		Teacher	TA
Beatrix Potter <i>Author and Artist</i>	3 Potter	Dream Factory		Miss Waterfield	Mrs Partridge
Roald Dahl <i>Author</i>	3 Dahl	Hallswood Animal Sanctuary		Miss Laurie	
Dr Martin Luther King Jr <i>Religious leader and Civil Rights activist</i>	4 King Jr	Norfolk and Waveney Mind		Mr Miller	Miss Maher
Dr Marie Curie <i>Scientist</i>	4 Curie	Marie Curie		Mrs Kirman Mrs Prentice	
Sir David Attenborough <i>Naturalist</i>	5 Attenborough	World Wildlife Fund (WWF)		Mr Power	Ms Rozee-Johnson
Aneurin Bevan <i>Politician</i>	5 Bevan	East Anglian Children's Hospice		Mr Hughes	
Kathrine Switzer <i>Athlete</i>	6 Switzer	Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation		Mrs Beuttell	Mrs Elvin
Rosa Parks <i>Civil Rights activist</i>	6 Parks	Stop Hate UK		Miss Dutton Mrs Page	
Helen Keller <i>Activist</i>	Keller Class	NSPCC St Mary's Church, Long Stratton		Mrs Franklin	Year Group TA
Saint Mary <i>Religious figure and Saint</i>	After School Club			Miss Maher, Mrs Dale, Ms RJ, Mrs Roach	

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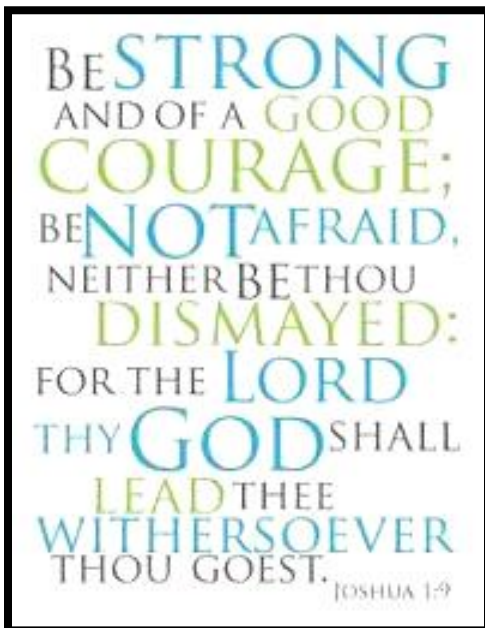




## CHRISTIAN DISTINCTIVENESS

**This half-term we are celebrating our COURAGE**

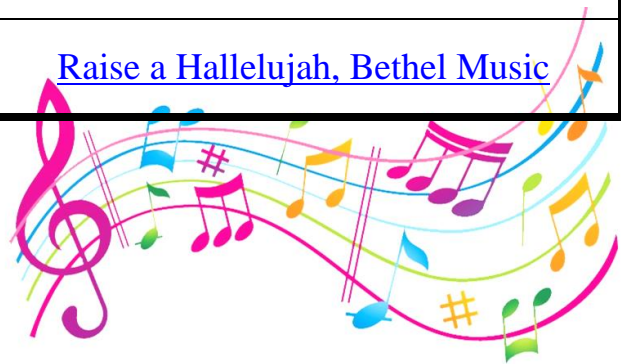
*We accept and look forward to a challenge, using past learning to ensure we move forward positively.*



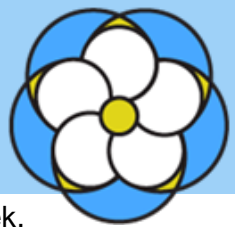
### Songs for 'Courage':

[I Will Fear No More, The Afters](#)

[Raise a Hallelujah, Bethel Music](#)

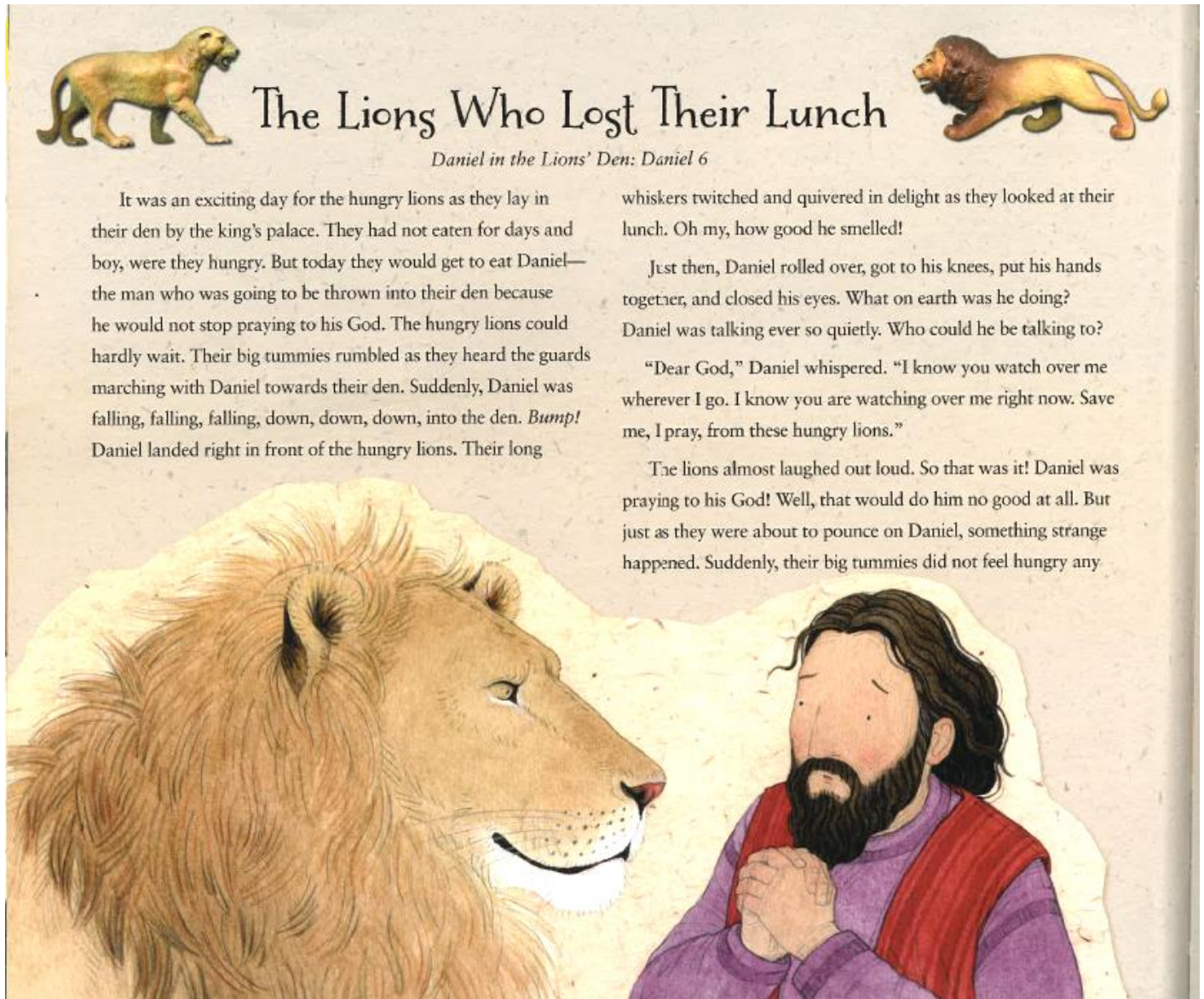


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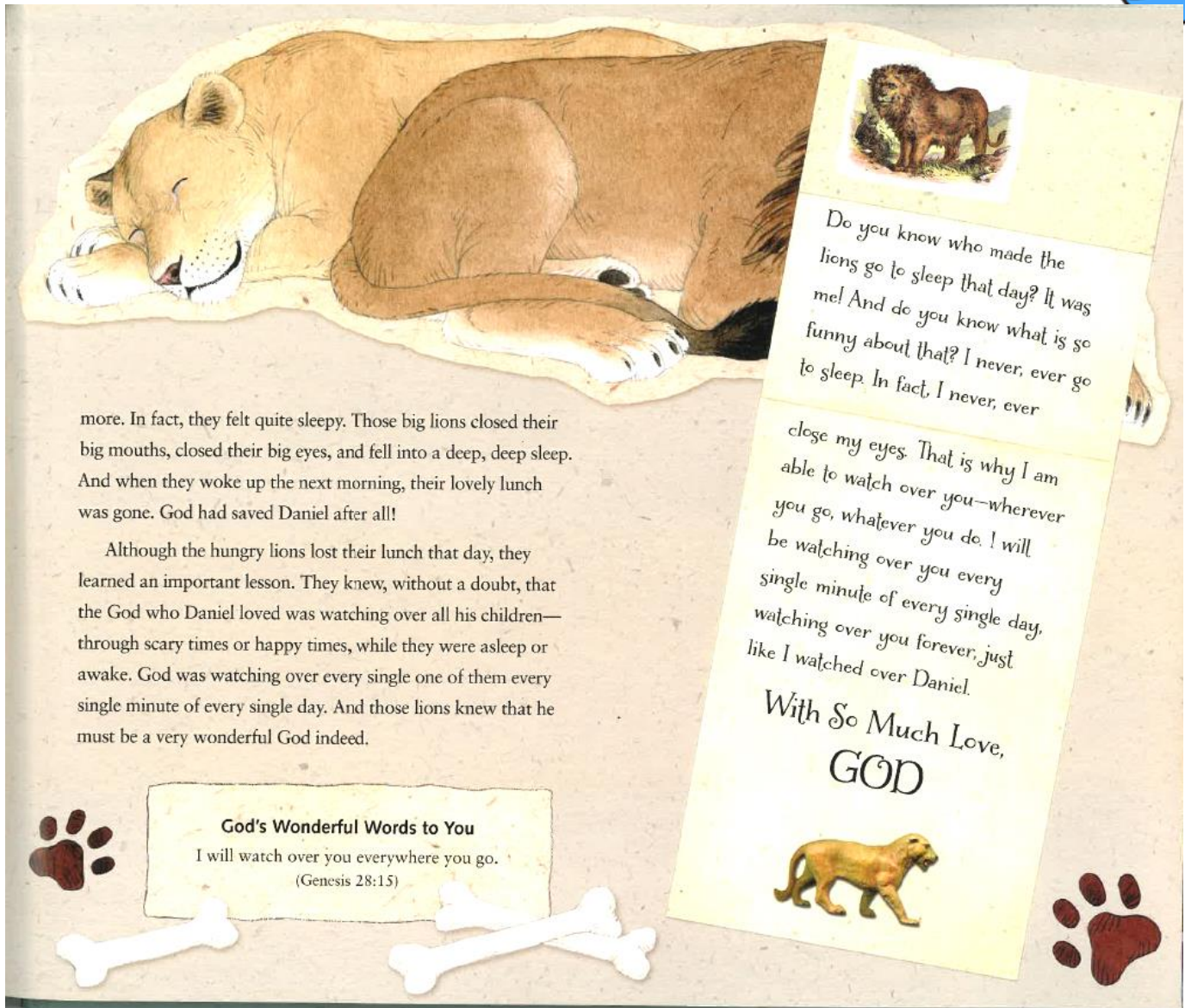
See here, the story of Daniel and the Lion which we have shared with children this week.

What other stories from the bible demonstrate showing courage through adversity?



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