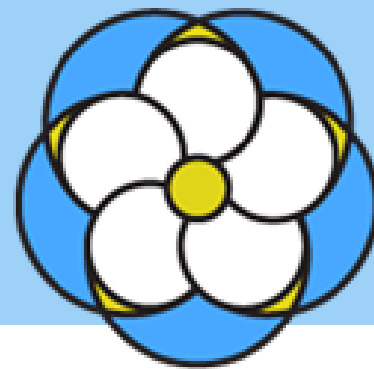


St Mary's Church of England Junior School

Newsletter 4 – 6th November 2020



From the Principal

Welcome back to the second half of our Autumn Term. This will be a very exciting time as we get ready to begin holiday celebrations.

I am sure that many of you have thoughts and/or concerns regarding the new national lockdown measures being put in place. Please be reassured in the fact that we are updating our Risk Assessment with further in-school measures in order to ensure that we are doing absolutely everything possible to ensure that we continue to keep you and your children safe. The new measures will not affect your children in any way, but rather are to do with the operational running of the school. For example, how we use the staff rooms, adult toilets, and how adults move around the school site. We will continue to reassure your children, putting their well-being, safety and continuous learning at the heart of all we do. Despite what is going on in the world around us, we continue to encourage positive thinking and joy in life here at St Mary's.

That being said, staff have been hard at work, further developing our curriculum. Your children will experience this within our next 'Maps and Globes' Geography unit. It encourages further links to learning cross-curricularly as a means to further enrich our curriculum studies. We will ensure that this is made accessible to you on the school website in order to enable you to support your child's learning at home.

Further school developments this year includes developing our home learning experience as well. Please look out for your child's new Google Classroom login details, whereby they will soon be able to access their homework. Further information will follow, but we are all thrilled about this development as it will ensure further support and communication with teachers should there be a requirement for remote learning.

We look forward to an exciting half-term ahead and thank you for your continued support and encouragement.

God bless,
Ms Cranmer

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CELEBRATING LEARNING

*Congratulations to our
super stars!*

Week ending
16th October

3 Potter: Robert H
3 Dahl: Eva-Bess W
4 Curie: Poppy H
4 King Jr: Alexa S-I
5 Attenborough: CJ B-J
5 Bevan: Oliver T
6 Parks: Skye McW
6 Switzer: Logan W

*And, for the week ending
22nd October:*

3 Potter: Isla W
3 Dahl: Levi H
4 Curie: Rudo M
4 King Jr: Kaison P
5 Attenborough: Theo B
5 Bevan: Thea H
6 Parks: Poppy H
6 Switzer: Rhyley S



LEARNING AND CURRICULUM NEWS

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

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

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Class Learning Blog

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

Potter Class Learning Blog

We have had a fantastic start to the new half term in Potter class. It has been great to see the children returning with eagerness to learn and enthusiasm to work more on our topic on rocks. We have learnt a lot of facts about fossils, Mary Anning, soil and the 3 types of natural rock.

In the photo you can see the children excavating chocolate chips from cookies to learn about how fossils are found in rock. The children have also been working hard on a Mary Anning story line where they discussed the ups and downs of her life discovering fossils.



During the last week of Autumn term 1, Potter class learnt about the formation of the 3 different types of natural rock. We used ice and chocolate sauce to learn about igneous rocks, which are made through cooled down lava from volcanos. We then melted crayon shavings and manipulated its shape to learn about metamorphic rocks which are formed by a change in heat and pressure. They have also been looking at real fossils found on Dorset beach and discussing how they are formed by sedimentary rocks.

Miss Waterfield

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SCHOOL NEWS, UPDATES AND UPCOMING EVENTS



Messy Church

Although Messy Church is not currently being held at the school due to COVID-19, you can still join in with family run events online and from a distance at the St Mary's Church. Please see the Long Stratton Messy Church facebook page for more information on events that are being held.

Children in Need Merchandise

We currently have items for sale to support Children in Need as shown below:



Pudsey & Blush Headbands - £2.50

Wristbands in Green, Pink & Orange £1.00



Wristbands in Yellow (2019) £1.00

To purchase these items, please go to Parentmail under Payments – Shop. You can then order the items and these will be delivered to your child's class at some point during the week. Thank you for your donations.

Children in Need – Non-school Uniform Day

This year Children in Need is on Friday 13th November. Pupils can come to school in non-school uniform and wear something spotty if they have it. All donations go to Children in Need.

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MSA Vacancy

We are looking for several temporary and permanent Midday Supervisory Assistants to join our friendly and supportive team. The post involves supervising children during lunchtimes, encouraging healthy eating and appropriate behaviour, promoting positive play and setting up and clearing away dining tables and chairs. Full training will be given.

The hours of work will be 7.5 hours per week (1.5 hours per day). The hourly rate of pay is £9.24.

Please contact the school office on (01508) 530459 or alternatively email office@st-marys.norfolk.sch.uk and we will send you an application pack. Closing date for applications extended to Friday 13th November.

Cleaner Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Cleaner at the school who will be employed by Norse. If you are interested please apply through their advert as shown below.

<https://app.kallidusrecruit.com/NPSGroup/VacancyInformation.aspx?VId=78628>

Trading Cards

We have noticed that some children have been bringing in Trading Cards and would ask that children do not bring any items from home into school other than necessary items such as their lunch box, water bottle, reading book etc. Thank you.

Picnic Tables

We have just taken delivery of some picnic tables and benches to put in our courtyard. Pupils will therefore be eating their packed lunches outside during dry weather. Please can you ensure that they have a coat with them every day. We will of course be mindful of the weather, and on particularly cold days will ensure that there is alternative provision indoors.



Nut Allergies

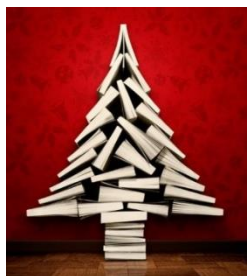
We currently have pupils in school who have severe nut allergies. Please could we ask parents not to send their children in with any food that contains nuts such as peanut butter or Nutella sandwiches or cereal bars/snack bars that contain nuts etc. Thank you for your help.



Pupil Photos

Your child will be bringing home their photo proofs this week. These can only be ordered online now and not through the school. Please follow the instructions on the front of the proof explaining how to place an order.

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Scholastic Book Magazine

We will be sending home a copy of the new Scholastic Magazine. If you would like to purchase any books, please send in your order form and payment by Friday 20th November. Payment needs to be made by cash or cheque as we are unable to take card payments.

Attendance

We are delighted to have the opportunity to congratulate you all for a fabulous first half-term of attendance. We currently stand at a fantastic 98.14%! We appreciate you continuing to be sensible in regards to keeping your children off if they display any Covid symptoms (new or persistent cough, raised temperature, loss of taste or smell), but equally for sending your children in to carry on with their learning wherever possible. We thank you for your trust in us to look after your children and to keep them safe!

Attendance Ladder



Every Day Counts

Support your child to achieve their best

Pupils should aim to have **96% or above** attendance

90% is **not** good!

1 School Year @ 90%

attendance=**4 whole weeks of lessons missed!**

That's **100 HOURS** OF LEARNING MISSED!

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SAFEGUARDING

Children's Mental Health

In the news at the moment there is a lot of information about how the Coronavirus pandemic has affected children's happiness and well-being.

If you have any concerns regarding your child/children, here are some useful links that can help.

<https://www.mind.org.uk>

<https://www.samaritans.org/>

<https://youngminds.org.uk/>

Just One - for children and young people health services 0300 300 0123.

Point-1 Floor 2, 11 Prince of Wales Road Norwich NR1 BD 0800 977 4077

Questions I wish my parents had asked me

YOUNGMINDS

#Take
20

Who are the
people you feel
safe with?

Is there anything you
want to talk about?

When was the last
time you were very
happy?

What makes you feel
calm?

If you could change
anything in your life
what would it be?

What difficulties
are you facing
now?

What can I do to help?

I can tell that you
really like
"insert video game/
app/tv show/fossil
collection",
what about it do you
love so much?

Where is a place
you feel safe?

Do you have any
worries about starting
a new school?

What are you most
looking forward to
this week?

It's okay to keep
stuff private, but did
you want to tell me
more about "insert
subject"?

How are you
coping since your
dad died?

What are you worried
about when you lie in
bed and can't sleep?

What are you
most dreading this
week?

How do you feel
about things
changing?

Is there a lot of
picking on people at
your school?

Is there anyone who is
upsetting you?

How do you feel
about growing up?
What's exciting,
what's scary?

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2020 – 2021 CHARITABLE FUNDRAISING...

Easy Fundraising

Did you know that we're registered with 'easyfundraising' and you could help us to raise funds for the school at no extra cost to yourself?











Since our fundraising events are on hold, this is a great opportunity to keep raising much needed funds for the school. When you shop online, with over 4,100 of your favourite retailers, including John Lewis & Partners, Amazon, eBay, notonthehighstreet, you will raise FREE donations for St Marys Church of England Junior School - Long Stratton.

If you're not already signed up, it only takes a few minutes, then you can begin using the 'easyfundraising' website or app straightaway - simply shop online as normal. This will be an enormous help to the school, at no extra cost to yourself.

Visit our 'easyfundraising' page to get started:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmaryscoejs/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=s-e2

Well done and thank you for your support!

3 Potter has raised £16.16 for	The Dream Factory 	3 Dahl has raised £16.16 for	Hallswood Animal Sanctuary 
4 King Jr has raised £16.16 for	 mind for better mental health	4 Curie has raised £16.16 for	Marie Curie Cancer Care 
5 Bevan has raised £16.16 for	 each East Anglia's Children's Hospices	5 Attenborough has raised £16.16 for	 WWF World Wildlife Fund
6 Parks has raised £16.16 for	 STOP HATE UK STOP HATE. START HERE	6 Switzer has raised £16.16 for	 JDRF IMPROVING LIVES. CURING TYPE 1 DIABETES.
After-school club has raised £16.16 for	 NSPCC Cruelty to children must stop. FULL STOP.	Keller Class has raised £16.16 for	St Mary's Church 


Half of all monies raised goes directly to the charity that each class supports and half of it goes directly back into learning resources and technology for your child's class. Therefore, we thank you for helping us to raise an equal amount shown above for each class.

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CHRISTIAN DISTINCTIVENESS

This half-term, we are learning about...



St Mary's Church of England Junior School

Resilience

We embrace challenges, feedback and set-backs in a positive manner – 'bounce-back-ability.'



Songs for 'Resilience':
<u>Rescue - Lauren Daigle</u>
<u>Look Up Child - Lauren Daigle</u>
<u>Echo - Elevation</u>
<u>Don't Give Up - Shawn McDonald</u>



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