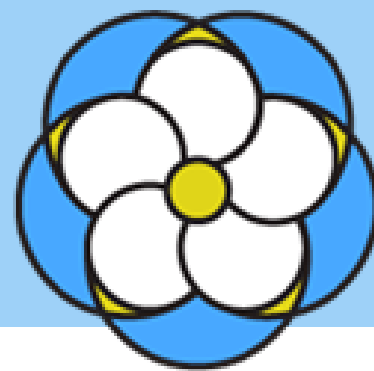


St Mary's Church of England Junior School

Newsletter 3 – 9th October 2020



From the Principal

Dear parents and carers,

Whilst it may be grey and wet outside, I hope, like our children, you have been searching for rainbows.

Through challenging times, it may seem that way, like a grey cloud hanging overhead. However, I too would encourage you to have faith, keep courage and remain positive, knowing that the rain and clouds will pass, to let the sun shine through again.

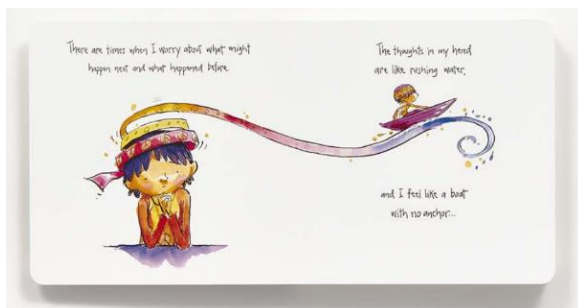
This week, our Collective Worship Ambassadors have presented a virtual assembly to our school, about what we need to **find** courage. They spoke about how we need to find a quiet place in our hearts in order to settle our minds. They spoke about finding the calm within the storm, in order to gather our strength and courage to press on through a challenge. What a wonderful message for us all.

The title of their assembly and the book they shared... **I am Peace**, by Susan Verde. Please use this link to hear the book read by the author [Click here: I am Peace, by Susan Verde](#).

Have a wonderful and peaceful weekend!

God bless,

Ms Cranmer



CELEBRATING LEARNING

Congratulations to our super stars!

Week ending 25th September:

3 Potter: Hannah R
3 Dahl: Dexter P
4 Curie: Max B
4 King Jr: Phoebe D
5 Attenborough: Dalin C
5 Bevan: Ollie M
6 Parks: Mollie B
6 Switzer: Ema C

And, for the week ending 2nd October:

3 Potter: Ellie R
3 Dahl: Jack C
4 Curie: Iyla H
4 King Jr: Darcey M
5 Attenborough: Jacob H
5 Bevan: Cody W
6 Parks: Ellie W
6 Switzer: Daisy L

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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	Resilience	Science	<u>We are Scientists</u> Celebrating Earth Science Week -Science Fair
2 nd November			
9 th November		Geography	<u>We are Geographers</u> Maps and globes – Quiz masters
16 th November			
23 rd November		Science	<u>We are Scientists</u> Extraordinary Experiments on display
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...

OUR MINI MARATHON

Our mini marathon took place on Thursday the 1st October 2020.

Here are some opinions that some of 6 Switzer had about the event.



"I liked taking part."- Dylan D

"I had fun joining in on something."- Nathan

"I enjoyed being fit."- Alfie

"It was hard but enjoyable."-Katie



We really enjoyed our mini marathon. It was 2.6 miles☺. The mini marathon was 11 successful laps around our school field! Some of us didn't finish it; however, we had fun and finished the laps that we didn't do on Friday the next day. Others felt confident and did extra laps. There was a couple of people who were at the very back however they managed to reach the front and with some help they also came first on one or two laps of the fantastic mini marathon.

Most of us were very negative at the start but by the finish most of us were really proud of what we achieved. Everyone got a certificate and we were very tired the next day. Some of us felt like our legs were as short as tree stumps but we survived the hard run (phew). I think my legs are still tree stumps!!

By Sophie Nash, Ellie Tooke and Alesha May-Bean

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SCHOOL NEWS, UPDATES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Mrs Beuttell's fantastic run!

We would like to say well done to Mrs Beuttell for finishing her marathon on October 4th 2020! She finished in 4hr 11mins and 17secs - her personal best!



Cold Weather

Current government guidelines mean that we need to keep windows or doors open around the school to enable a good air flow to restrict the risk of COVID-19. Please could you therefore make sure that your children are dressed in adequate layers under their uniform so that they do not feel cold.

Children will also be expected to go outside as much as possible for PE lessons and lunchtimes, therefore they will need a warm waterproof coat and sturdy shoes in case it is wet/muddy.

PJs/Movie Afternoon

To celebrate the end of our 'We are Authors' week, we are holding a book themed PJ/Movie afternoon on Friday 16th October. Children can come to school in their PJs or comfy clothes (eg. joggers and a sweatshirt). Please wear comfy shoes, rather than slippers, as children will still be going outside for break as usual. If you have any children's books that are no longer being read at home, we would be very grateful if you could donate them for our class libraries.

Pupil Photographs

The school photographer will be in school on **Monday 19th 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.

As it is a PE day for Year 4, please can they come in their school uniform top with tracksuit bottoms and trainers.



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Would you like a job that fits around the hours your children are in school?

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: 6pm Tuesday 13th October 2020.

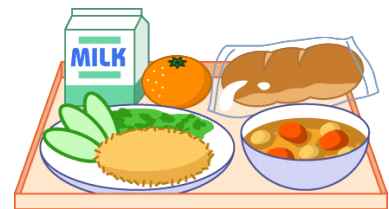
School Lunches – Thursday 22nd October

As Thursday 22nd October is the last day of term, the kitchen will be doing the Friday Menu on the Thursday (Week 1). Pupils can therefore choose from Fish Fingers or Vegetable Goujons and Chips or Cheese and Tomato Pasta Pot instead of the usual Thursday menu for that week.

There is such a thing as a free lunch!

Your child may be eligible for a Free School Meal which could save you over £400 a year and gain additional funding for your school.

To see if you qualify, visit www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals.



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.

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Parent View Questionnaire

Thank you if you have already completed the parent questionnaire. We would very much like you to share your thoughts and experiences of your child's first month in their new class. Your feedback is vital as we will use these responses to elicit ways in which we can continue to support you and your family. This can be done by copying and pasting the following link into your browser

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=roPF0bAbO0m5sFGmUcn5iFeFq9AlvOlln5dQYQSzh4ZUMINHMFExTUyTTIZODIBUUtSSVY0U0MyWS4u>

This form will close on Monday 12th October at 12 noon.

Website

Our holding page for the website has been up-dated with new information and dates. If you are still seeing old information, please try to clear your browser history by going into your settings (three dots on right-hand side) and then go to History and clear browser data.

We hope to have our new Website up and running very soon.

Collaboration

Many of you will know that St Mary's has been a stand-alone academy for several years now. Whilst it allows for a certain level of independence, it can at times be both demanding and difficult, which is particularly relevant during the challenging times that schools are currently faced with. We have therefore spent a great deal of time looking into how the school might have greater access to the support networks available which would ensure that the school continues to develop and grow. It is for this reason, that St Mary's and its Trustees have made the decision to work collaboratively with St Benet's Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) for this academic year. St. Benet's is the Diocese of Norwich's second MAT, established in 2018 and comprising of seven schools in South Norfolk.

We are thrilled at the chance to make even greater strides in the provision that we provide to the children of St Mary's and can already see the benefits of this collaborative effort through St Benet's support. This includes support in procuring and upgrading our whole-school technological provision, additional business support, school development conversations, training opportunities and occasions for our 'Experts' to meet (virtually) with St Benet's 'Experts' in order to share best teaching, learning and curriculum practices. We look forward still to seeing all that is yet to come and the positive impact this collaboration will have on our wonderful school community.



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SAFEGUARDING

Cyber bullying

– some sensible advice.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU THINK YOUR CHILD IS EXPERIENCING BULLYING ONLINE.

Most websites and apps have rules against bullying and harassment, and can help if it's happening to you or someone you know.

If you've seen or experienced bullying on social media, it's important to:

- report what's happened on the site or app
- block the people bullying you
- take screenshots of nasty messages, but don't reply to them
- tell someone you trust, like your parent, carer or a teacher.



New Fencing

As you will see our new fencing has been installed at the front of the school, on the lower playground and also around the garden area. We are so pleased with how it looks and thank **Ben Willis Commercial Landscaping Ltd** for their hard work over the summer holidays in getting this completed to help keep our children safe.

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2020 – 2021 CHARITABLE FUNDRAISING...



Curie Class have jams and chutneys for sale in 'The Butcher's House' in Long Stratton. The Butcher's House were very keen to support us and additionally have offered to donate £1 per jar sold too! A big thank you to this local business.



Half of the proceeds will go to school and half to the Marie Curie Charity and there are a variety of flavours available and prices range from £2 - £3.50, depending on the type and size:

Jams

Courgette and Ginger Jam	£2.80
Cinnamon Plum Jam	£2:50
Mirabelle Plum Jam	£2:50
Blackberry Jam	£3:20
Damson Jam	£2:00

Chutneys











Damson Chutney	£3.50
Spiced Apple Chutney	£3.50
Apple Chutney	£3.50

Please support this worthwhile cause if you can. Curie Class and Mrs Kirman.

Latest fundraising

Thank you to everyone who dressed up in their rainbow coloured outfits on Friday 2nd October. We managed to raise £161.60 which has been split between school funds and the class charities as shown below.

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. 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 

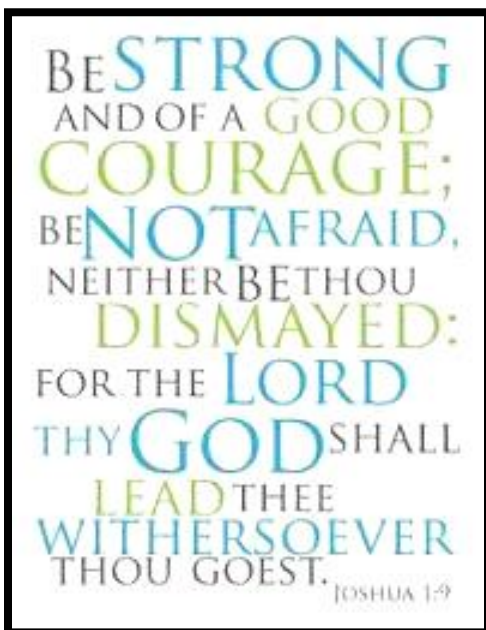
Half of all monies raised goes directly to the charity that each class supports and half of it goes directly back into learning resources and technology for your child's class. Therefore, we thank you for helping us to raise an equal amount shown above for each class.



CHRISTIAN DISTINCTIVENESS

This half-term we are celebrating our COURAGE

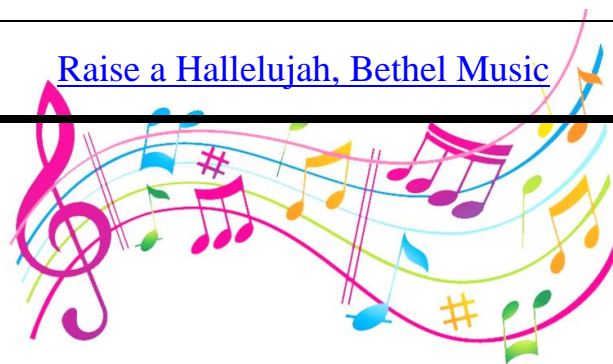
We accept and look forward to a challenge, using past learning to ensure we move forward positively.



Songs for 'Courage':

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

[Raise a Hallelujah, Bethel Music](#)



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