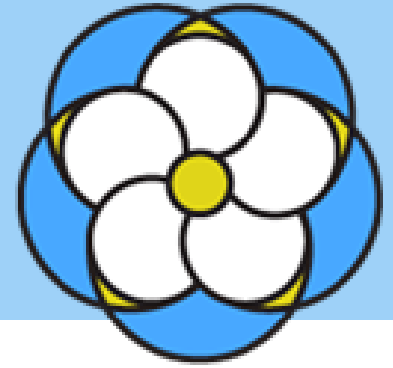


# St Mary's Church of England Junior School

Newsletter 14 – 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021



## From the Principal

Dear parents and carers,

I hope that you managed to enjoy a restful half-term break. We certainly did have some glorious weather to enjoy!

This half-term brings with it much excitement. There are upcoming sports days, fundraisers, parent consultations and transition events, to name a few. Of course, within this excitement, we will also host events which will mark the culmination of a year which brought with it further challenges but also some wonderful opportunities for development and growth, both individually and as a school community. It is with that being said, that we are so pleased to share, that our application for becoming a part of St Benet's MAT has been approved and finalised with a view to our official date of conversion set for 1<sup>st</sup> September. Thank you for all of your support in enabling this process to move forward so smoothly; no doubt in part due to the fact that we have all already had the privilege in beginning our work with St Benet's over this last year, and have seen and felt the positive impact that this has already had. What a wonderful way to kick off our theme of **Positive Relationships** for this half-term!

In further exciting news, we are also so pleased to introduce you to our new website ([www.stmaryscoejunior.co.uk](http://www.stmaryscoejunior.co.uk)). Please have a look and let us know your thoughts. We are still adding to the content, but are really proud of all of the hard work that has gone into preparing a website which demonstrates our values and ethos as a school so clearly.

I look forward to what this busy half-term has yet to bring; blessings in abundance I am sure!

God bless,  
Ms Cranmer

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## CELEBRATING LEARNING

*Congratulations to our  
Remote Learning Stars of the Week:*

### Week ending 21<sup>st</sup> May

3 Potter: Matthew P

3 Dahl: Spencer P

4 Curie: Zak O

4 King Jr: Nicolai H

5 Attenborough: Joshua McK

5 Bevan: Oliver T

6 Parks: Joseph P-S

6 Switzer: Nathan H

### and, for the week ending 28<sup>th</sup> May

3 Potter: Anaiya M

3 Dahl: Alice H

4 Curie: Ena B

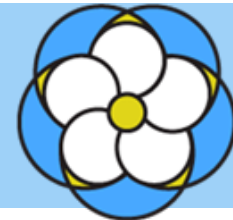
4 King Jr: Summer M

5 Attenborough: Olly W

5 Bevan: Thea H

6 Parks: Noah B

6 Switzer: Dylan N



## LEARNING AND CURRICULUM NEWS

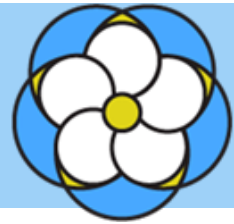
### Summer Term Curriculum Calendar

**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>SWWK</u>	<u>Learning purpose</u>
12 <sup>th</sup> April	Love for learning	Science	<u>We are Scientists</u> Science Fair Investigations
19 <sup>th</sup> April			
26 <sup>th</sup> April		History	<u>We are Historians:</u> Ancient Civilizations -A night at the museum (school)
3 <sup>rd</sup> May			
10 <sup>th</sup> May		Science	<u>We are Scientists</u> All living things- the biological world around us. -Science scavenger hunt and exhibition
17 <sup>th</sup> May			
24 <sup>th</sup> May		RSE	<u>We are Learners</u> Journaling as we learn to understand and develop healthy relationships
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Positive relationships	PE & Performing Arts	<u>We are athletes and performers</u> A close study of physically and mentally healthy lifestyles - Sports Day  <u>Preparing for end of Year performances</u>
14 <sup>th</sup> June			
21 <sup>st</sup> June		Geography/ History	<u>We are Geographers:</u> Our tour guides will take you on a trip around the world in 15 days- A transformation of classrooms
28 <sup>th</sup> June			
5 <sup>th</sup> July		History	<u>We are Historians:</u> A close study of inspirational people
12 <sup>th</sup> July			
19 <sup>th</sup> July			

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

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## ***Class Learning Blog – 5 Attenborough***

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



For the next two weeks our topic will be 'We are Athletes'. We'll be looking at aspects of the benefits of sports and how they help us to stay healthy. We'll also be investigating how a balanced diet is essential for our well-being and how each food group serves a different but vital purpose in keeping us fit and healthy.



As well as doing various athletic activities on our usual PE day, which is Wednesday, the children will also be running 1.6km (about 1 mile) each day. They've done this twice this week (at the time of writing) and I must say that I was so pleased and impressed with the progress made from Monday to Tuesday. Every child managed to complete the distance on Tuesday (which hadn't been the case on Monday) and every child who ran the 1.6km on Monday managed to beat their record on Tuesday with some very impressive improvement in times recorded. Well done for that Attenborough Class, you have made me so proud.



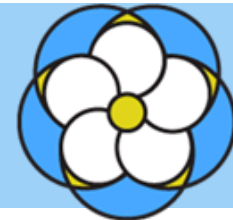
We also looked at the qualities needed to become an Olympian and researched who the children considered to be the greatest British Olympian of all time (this piece of writing will be linked to the unit we are studying in English). With a geography link too, the children identified the host cities of the last 15 Olympics and located them on their maps. Some very impressive atlas work going on indeed.

We'll be looking forward to sport's day next week. Unfortunately, parents will not be able to attend but I'm sure the children will still enjoy it – and we hope the weather is as lovely as it has been this week.



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## **Sports Day**

This year Sports Day will be during the afternoon when pupils have their usual PE days. Unfortunately, this year parents will not be able to attend due to COVID restrictions.

Please see the note below about suncream, hats and water!

Y3 – Tuesday 15th June  
Y4 – Monday 14th June  
Y5 – Wednesday 16th June  
Y6 – Thursday 17th June



As with previous years, pupils can wear something in their house colour. For example, this could be a t-shirt or hat or even socks.

### House Group Colours

Nightingale – Blue

Gandhi – Green

Mandela – Yellow

Lincoln – Red

## **Sports Day Refreshments**

Sports Day for all year groups will take place during the week commencing 14th June. As in previous years, we will be offering the children the chance to purchase an ice lolly during the afternoon (vital to cool down after all that activity!). These will be priced at £1. If your child would like to purchase one on the day, please send the money in with them in a named envelope or alternatively, this can be purchased on Parentmail in advance of the day.



## **Suncream and Hats**

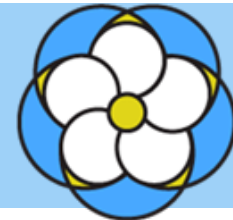
Now that the weather has improved, please remember to send children in with suncream and hats and plenty of water. We are now allowing the children to fill up their water bottles at the water fountains during the day at set times with cleaning being done in between year group bubbles.

## **Bottle Tops Needed**

Year 3 are looking to do an Art Project this term which needs plastic bottle tops. If you are able to help, please send in your washed bottle tops, as many different colours as possible, over the next few weeks. Children can bring them in to their class teachers who will pass these on to Year 3.



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## ***Eat Them to Defeat Them!***



Norse are currently running a campaign to encourage healthier eating among school children. Every week has a different focus and this week, it is our old friend, **the tomato!** It would be wonderful if you could share the factfile and recipes with your child(ren) (*please see attached*), to get them thinking about how versatile this vegetable can be. Any pictures of your completed Tomato Tart can be forwarded to [d.beuttell@st-marys.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:d.beuttell@st-marys.norfolk.sch.uk) for inclusion in later newsletters.



## ***Class Photos/Year 6 Leaver Photos***

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June (next week) we have the school photographer coming in during the morning to do Class photos and Year 6 Leaver photos. Please ensure that your child has a school jumper/cardigan with them on that day, if you have one, so that they can put this on for the photo.



Please can Year 3 come in their uniform on that day instead of the usual PE Kit. Yr 3 Teachers will advise you which day of the week PE will be on instead.

## ***Parent Consultations***

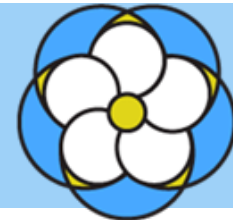
We will shortly be holding parent consultations. These can be booked in via ParentMail in the usual way and the parent consultations will be held via Google Classrooms. Please can you ensure that you know your child's Google Classroom login before the day. If you are unsure of login details, please contact the class teacher.

- **Tues 29<sup>th</sup> June – Yr 4** during the day, then 4.00 – 6.30pm
- **Weds 30<sup>th</sup> June – Yr 5** during the day, then 4.00 – 6.30pm
- **Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> July – Yr 3** during the day, then 4.00 – 6.30pm
- **Mon 5<sup>th</sup> July – Yr 6** during the day, then 4.00 – 6.30pm

We would like your children to be involved with the parent consultations, therefore if you choose a time slot during the day, they will be in the meeting with the teacher and if you have an evening slot, please could your child attend with you.

We will email parents once the booking system is available on ParentMail.

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## Pupil Absences

Please can we remind you that if your child is off school because of illness, we require a telephone call or email with the reason for absence by 9.00am. If it is your intention to take your child out of school on holiday, we require a holiday absence form to be filled in prior to their absence. These are available from the school office. Understandably, we would prefer this to be kept to a minimum, due to the amount of time children have already been out of school this year.



## Car Boot Sale

Please join us for our Car Boot Sale on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June between 10am and 1pm. If you are interested in a pitch, please contact Tracy Dale on [t.dale@st-marys.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:t.dale@st-marys.norfolk.sch.uk). The cost of a pitch is £5.00.

## School Uniform

Please find attached the latest price list for Stevensons our Uniform suppliers and a reminder of what our uniform expectations are for September:

***If you are currently in receipt of Pupil Premium funding or Free School Meals, we may be able to help you with the cost of your school uniform, please contact the School Office for more information.***

### Uniform expectations:

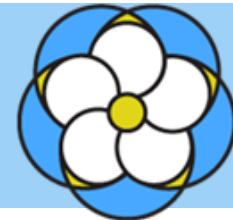
- School polo
- School jumper, cardigan or fleece
- Grey trousers, skirts, pinafores or shorts
- **Black school shoes – these can be trainers but should be fully black with no colours**
- **PE Kit** – any PE kit, weather appropriate. Pupils come to school in their PE Kit on their designated days (to be advised).
- Long hair tied back and no exuberant headwear (e.g. crowns, unicorn or animal ear headbands) though small bows, headbands and clips are acceptable
- No jewellery except stud earrings and watches (no smart watches are permitted as per our school Safeguarding policy)
- Go to [www.stevensons.co.uk](http://www.stevensons.co.uk) and search for St Mary's C of E Junior Academy, Long Stratton to order our uniform.

***\*\*If you think that you might be eligible for free school meals, you can find out more and apply by visiting the following website***

***<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk>***













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## 2020 – 2021 CHARITABLE FUNDRAISING...

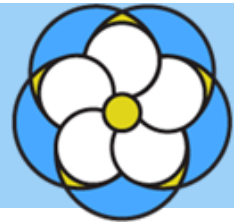
*Thank you for your continued support!*

3 Potter has raised £32.91 for	The Dream Factory 	3 Dahl has raised £28.68 for	Hallswood Animal Sanctuary 
4 King Jr has raised £27.16 for		4 Curie has raised £207.76 for	Marie Curie Cancer Care 
5 Bevan has raised £27.66 for	 East Anglia's Children's Hospices	5 Attenborough has raised £25.67 for	
6 Parks has raised £27.06 for		6 Switzer has raised £314.91 for	
After-school club has raised £16.16 for		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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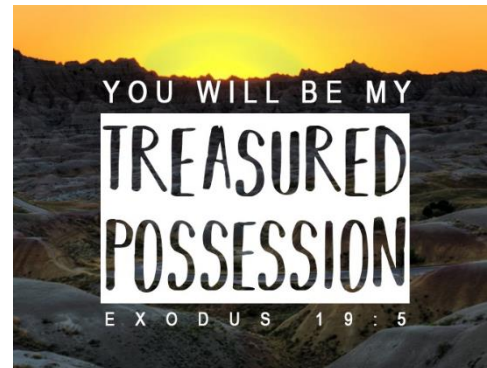


## CHRISTIAN DISTINCTIVENESS

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

### Positive relationships

*We work together, as a community, consistently demonstrating that we trust and believe in every person, enabling all to aim high and succeed.*



Always be humble and gentle.  
Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace.

EPHESIANS 4:2-3 (NLT)

#### Songs for 'God's Love':

Smile - Sidewalk Prophets

I Won't Let You Go - Lauren Daigle and Switchfoot

Holy Water - We the Kingdom



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