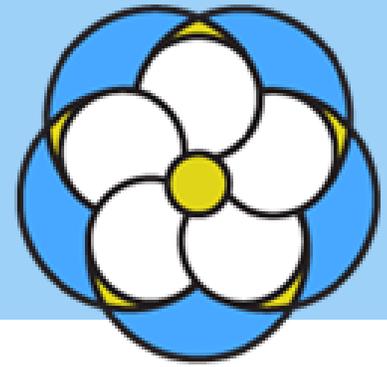


St Mary's Church of England Junior School

Newsletter 16 – 9th July 2021



From the Principal

Dear parents and carers,

Well here we are, coming to the end of another 'unusual' academic year. As always though, we have managed to persevere and have continued to be solution-focused and resilient, resulting in great pride for us all here at St Mary's, in that we can reflect on the many positives of the year.

However, and maybe even more importantly, whilst we have taken stock and embraced the many learning opportunities that the year has brought with it, we are also taking time to look forward...

We look forward to the excitement of our transitions and the year ahead. By transitioning for a week and a half, your children and teachers will have the opportunity to truly get a head start on what will be a wonderful 2021-2022 academic year.

We look forward as well with anticipation, to the greater opportunities to develop and grow both as individuals, and as a school, through our membership with the St Benet's MAT family of schools. There are already training and development prospects in place, and we are excited about working with the other schools in the Trust even more closely. We are hopeful as well, for further experiences for your children to get together with the children from these schools in a multitude of ways and are already looking ahead as to how we might gain as much as possible for your children. We have begun this work through shared examples of learning, and through experiences such as our involvement in the Diocese Headteacher's conference through our school's shared collective worship presentation.

In the meantime, I wish you a wonderful and safe summer holiday (when we get there). Please take time to take stock, reflect and then to look forward with joy to what lies ahead.

Wishing you all the best.

God bless,
Ms Cranmer

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CELEBRATING LEARNING

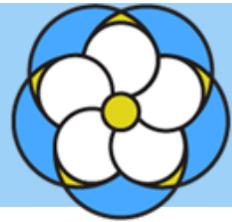
*Congratulations to our
Stars of the Week:*

Week ending 25th June

- 3 Potter: Ryan Z
- 3 Dahl: Edward L
- 4 Curie: Aiden T
- 4 King Jr: Darcey M
- 5 Attenborough: Isabella W
- 5 Bevan: Harry B-W
- 6 Parks: Mollie B
- 6 Switzer: Michael L

and, for the week ending 2nd July

- 3 Potter: Josh T
- 3 Dahl: AJ W-S
- 4 Curie: Edward S
- 4 King Jr: Phobe D
- 5 Attenborough: James W
- 5 Bevan: Mia W
- 6 Parks: Ellie W
- 6 Switzer: Edward H



LEARNING AND CURRICULUM NEWS

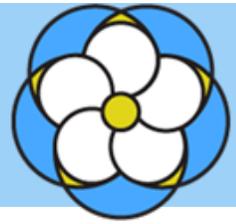
Summer Term Curriculum Calendar

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

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

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Year 6 Trip to Pleasurewood Hills

Staff had been waiting with bated breath for weeks for the arrival of our trip to Pleasurewood Hills – fears about 'bubbles' bursting, changes in Covid restrictions and thunderstorms plagued our every waking moment! Thankfully though, the day arrived and apart from a couple of spells of light drizzle, everything went smoothly.



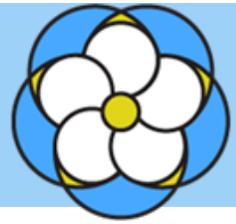
It was an absolute pleasure to accompany the Y6s on this trip and after another turbulent year, they all thoroughly deserved the fun that was had! Their fearlessness was obvious, with most children heading straight for the Wipeout as soon as we entered (against my better judgement, I had one go – that was enough!). The thing that really stood out though, was their independence and maturity. Every child turned up on time to every check-in, they used the rides and facilities sensibly and were polite and helpful to staff and each other – what more could we ask for? I am not sure Miss Dutton has forgiven the girls who tricked her on the log flume, but that's another story...

Thank you, Year 6 – a thoroughly enjoyable end to the year!

Mrs Beuttell



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Year 6 Promfest

Although worn out from the excitement and thrills of the day before, Year 6 still had enough energy for a final day of fun and laughter at the Promfest.



The silent disco (with DJ Oxbury at the helm) was a fantastic success - the song about fish was particularly popular, but, as it was silent, none of the staff were subjected to this one!



Whilst face-painting brought out the creativity in lots of the children, it also became apparent that some should avoid a career in make-up artistry!



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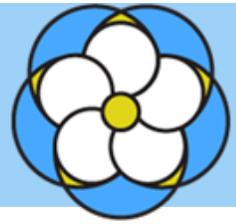
The children thoroughly enjoyed the inflatables, chips, autograph books and photo props too.



It was a fantastic way to end the year. Thank you to all the Year 6 pupils from all the staff - we will miss you as you make your way to high school (but we won't miss that fish song...).



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Changes to Lunch Menu

There will be some changes to the menu on the last day of term and the first day back in September which are as follows:

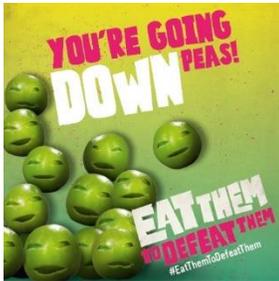
Wednesday 21st July

- Option 1 Fish Fingers, Chips, Peas or Beans
- Option 2 Vegetable Goujons, Chips, Peas or Beans
- Option 3 Jacket Potato with Cheese
- Option 4 Cheese Sandwich
- Dessert – Chocolate Cup Cake



Monday 6th September

- Option 1 – Breaded Chicken in a Wrap with BBQ Sauce and Potato Wedges (*Sweetcorn instead of Salad*)
- Option 2 – Vegemince Bolognese with Pasta
- Option 3 – Jacket Potato Cheese & Beans
- Option 4 – Tuna Sandwich
- Dessert – Dinky Doughnuts instead of Yoghurt



Eat Them to Defeat Them!



It is week 5 of the **Eat Them to Defeat Them** campaign and the 'veg of the week' this week is **peas!**

Please see attached a **fun facts poster** and **pea-related recipe**. Any pictures of your completed Pea, Potato and Pepper Frittata Recipe can be forwarded to d.beuttell@st-marys.norfolk.sch.uk for inclusion in later newsletters.

School Library Books

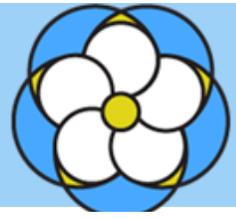
Please could you look at home to see if you have any books from our school library. If so, could these be returned to school as soon as possible. These can be handed in to the Class Teacher. Many thanks for your help.



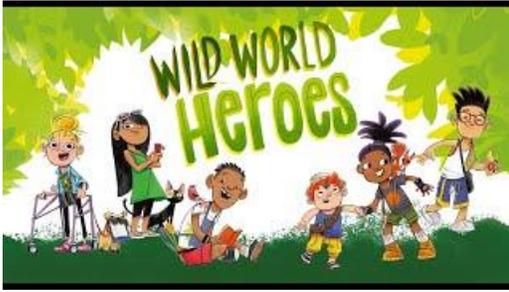
ParentMail

Could we ask all parents to check their ParentMail Accounts before the end of the school year, to make sure that they have no outstanding payments i.e. Dinners, After School Club payments. Even if your child has not had a lunch for a while, it could be that an amount is still required to be paid which has been forgotten. Please address any queries to the office, so we can look into this for you.

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Norfolk Libraries Summer Reading Challenge



Once again, Long Stratton library will be doing their summer reading challenge. Keep the kids busy during the summer holidays with their wild world themed reading challenge. It's all free and kids can earn themselves a medal by reading 6 books of their choice. To find out more about the challenge contact your local library or visit: www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries (see also poster attached)

Transitions and new class names

We begin our transition time on Monday 12th July. Your children will have had the opportunity today, to watch a short video introduction to their new classes, teachers and class names. For the time-being, they will meet all year-group staff in the video, with specifics to who their class teacher and name is on Monday. Do look out for the videos just in case your child wishes to remind themselves of their Monday morning entry expectations.

New Year 7s will enter through the lower gates and head to the Year 3 classrooms which will be their main 'base' for their last weeks with us. They will be learning alongside Mr Power, Miss Waterfield, Mrs Partridge and Mrs Elvin on some exciting project-based work, including the Year 6 'Leave a Legacy' project.

We have made a decision to change class names to cities within countries for the upcoming academic year. As you may know, we do everything with purpose here at St Mary's, and the naming of classes is no different. Due to a greater international focus across the world over the last year, and in light of current events around diversity, it would be a great time to refocus the purpose of our class names. The class cities chosen therefore, cover the four main continents (as we have four year groups) and is in line with National Curriculum learning in each year group. Your child's learning of these cities and countries will then be continuously built upon over the year, alongside children making comparisons to our own major city of London, England. This will allow for greater shared international knowledge, as well as building their knowledge of 'home.'

We have asked your children to come in on Monday, with facts about the continent, countries or cities for their year group, as this will form a collaboration of shared learning between both year group classes. We are confident that this shared learning experience over time will also build for greater understanding and empathy regarding other cultures and will fall beautifully in line with our school ethos and values.

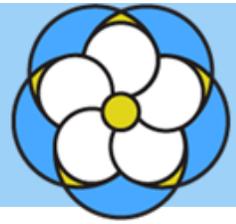
New Year 3 = Europe: Athens, Greece with Miss Waterfield and Rome, Italy with Mr Power

New Year 4 = North America: New Orleans, USA with Mr Miller and Merida, Mexico with Mrs Kirman

New Year 5 = Asia: Mumbai, India with Mrs Beuttell and Ms Laurie, and Beijing, China with Mr Hughes

New Year 6 = Africa: Casablanca, Morocco with Mr Oxbury and Cape Town, South Africa with Mr Roberts

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2020 – 2021 CHARITABLE FUNDRAISING...

Extra Donations for EACH Charity

Thea Hornsby has raised a fantastic £25.84 for their class charity, East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH), by placing a charity box at our local butchers, The Butcher's Shop. Well done Thea, for taking the initiative and making the most of a positive relationship with a local business.

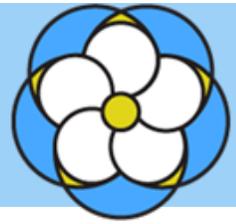


Thank you for your continued support!

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	 for better mental health	4 Curie has raised £227.76 for	Marie Curie Cancer Care 
5 Bevan has raised £53.50 for	 East Anglia's Children's Hospices	5 Attenborough has raised £25.67 for	WWF World Wildlife Fund 
6 Parks has raised £27.06 for	STOP HATE UK STOP HATE. START HERE 	6 Switzer has raised £314.91 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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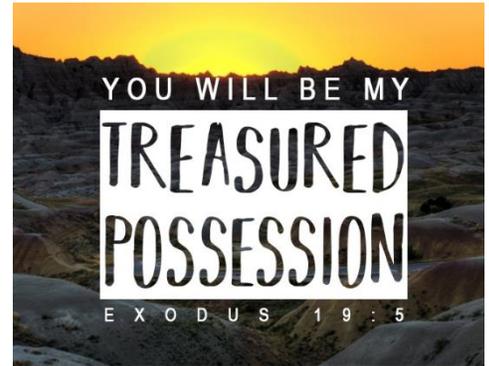


CHRISTIAN DISTINCTIVENESS

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

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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