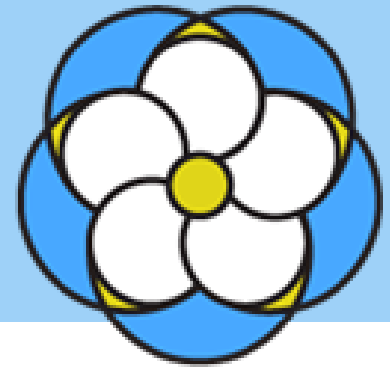


St Mary's Church of England Junior Academy

Newsletter 2 – 22nd September 2023



From September 2023 we are excited to be returning to having a Local Governance Committee across Newton Flotman Primary Academy and St Mary's Junior Academy. During this half term, we will be running elections for Staff and Parent Governors. There will be one staff and one parent governor position for each academy and the elected governors will join a team of four Trust Appointed Governors and the Headteacher to make up the Local Governance Committee.

A role description is available and we would invite you to consider whether you would like to put yourself forward for the position. For more information please contact the relevant school office via:

office@newtonflotman.stbenets.org or 01508 470379
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CELEBRATING LEARNING

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week:

Week ending 22nd September

Robin – William S

3 Skylark – Kayden K

4 Woodpecker – Jack W-T

4 Kingfisher – Maisie M

5 Avocet – Ruby A

5 Curlew – Caleb T

6 Falcon – Georgina D

6 Red Kite – Hannah R

Dates for your Diary

*18th – 25th Sept – SENDCo Meetings
(with Miss Laurie)*

*28th & 29th Sept – Collection of
Harvest Items for Waveney Foodbank*

*31st Oct – Deadline for Yr6
Applications for Secondary School*

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Christmas Shoebox Appeal

This year we would like to take part in the Link to Hope Shoebox appeal. Link to Hope take shoeboxes directly to families and elderly people in the war-torn or poorest parts of Ukraine, Moldova, Bulgaria and Romania. Please see their website for more information:



<https://linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-appeal-2023/#packingashoebox>

We are asking for donations of shoeboxes or if alternatively, 1 or 2 items from the list to put into the shoeboxes.

Family Shoebox Appeal

What's in a typical Christmas shoebox gift for a family?

The families who receive your Christmas shoeboxes often have to choose between buying food or fuel. Buying presents is a low priority, as their homes often lack running water or are cold, damp and dark because they have no electricity. Our online Shoebox Appeal list mixes eleven essential and luxury items. For example:

1. Knitted hat
2. Chocolate
3. Soap and flannel
4. Toothbrush and toothpaste
5. Candle and holder
6. Playing cards
7. Hairbrush
8. Tape measure
9. Soft toy
10. Calculator
11. Shampoo

Please note, we need a £3 donation with each Christmas shoebox to cover the cost of shipping it to the recipient.

Join in with the Shoebox Appeal and buy a family shoebox online

If you're unable to make up a shoebox, but would like to donate one, you can make an online donation of £20 per shoebox. We will fill one for you and add a greeting card on your behalf. If you would like us to send you a photo of it, please let us know.

Please could all items be into school by Friday 13th October, to enable us to arrange pick up from the charity.

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Year 6 – Transfer to Secondary School

All Year 6 children will be bringing home with them an envelope today regarding information about transferring to secondary school in September 2024.

The closing date for applications is **31st October 2023** and it is important that parents make their application by that date, to ensure you get the place at the school that you want. Late applications will be given a lower priority than those received on time.

Medical Information

To ensure that our records are up-to-date, we would be grateful if parents could fill in a short Medical Information Form to confirm whether or not your child has any medical conditions. This form should take no longer than 2 minutes to complete.



Please copy and paste the following link into your browser to complete the form. Thank You

<https://forms.gle/jX75KKyNKjFSV5Vk8>

This form should be completed by 30th September.

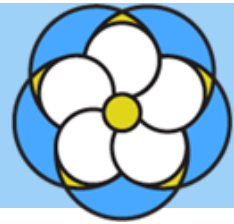
Harvest Appeal

Waveney Foodbank are doing a Harvest Appeal and asking for help with donations of food items as shown on the attached poster. We have agreed to be a collection point for these items and would be pleased to receive any items on **28th and 29th September**. We will have a collection table in the Hall where items can be placed. Thank you

Dyslexia Awareness Parent/Carers Workshop

Please see the attached information regarding workshops that have been designed to support anyone who has contact with a child of school age e.g. parents/carers, grandparents or other family members. The child does not need to have an official diagnosis of any learning difficulty for parents/carers to attend the workshops or courses.

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Attendance

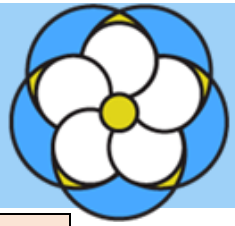
Well Done to the following top three classes for their attendance during the week 11th – 15th September 2023

4 Kingfisher	100%
3 Skylark	97.67%
5 Curlew	97.14%

Dates for the year ahead:

28/09/23 & 29/09/23	Collection of Harvest items for Waveney Foodbank
02/10/23	Black History Month
10/10/23	World Mental Health Day
13/10/23	Deadline for collection for Shoebox Appeal
23/10/23 – 27/10/23	Half Term
31/10/23	Closing date for applications for transfer to Secondary School (Yr 6)
06/11/23	Yr 6 National Measurement Programme
13/11/23	Anti-bullying Week
15/11/23	Parents invited into school to learn about how we teach maths 8.45am – 9.30am
17/11/23	Children in Need Non-school Uniform (donations to be made on Parentmail)
23/11/23 – 29/11/23	Scholastic Book Fair – open after school to Parents (details to follow)
27/11/23	Parents Evening 3.30 – 5.30pm
28/11/23	Parents Evening 3.30 – 6.30pm
30/11/23	Flu Immunisations for all Year Groups
08/12/23	Year 3 & 4 Parents invited in to Open Classrooms 2.15 – 3.00pm
15/12/23	Year 5 & 6 Parents invited in to Open classrooms 2.15 – 3.00pm
19/12/23	Year 3 & 4 Nativity Performance at 9.15am
19/12/23	Christmas Lunch (details to follow) Christmas Jumper Day (donations to be made on Parentmail)
20/12/23	Year 5 & 6 Parents invited to our Christmas Carols around the tree at 2.30pm

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20/12/22	End of Term (School Closes at normal time)
21/12/22 - 03/01/24	Christmas Holiday
04/01/24	Back to School
19/02/24 – 23/02/24	Half Term
26/02/24	Back to School
28/03/24 – 12/04/24	Easter Holidays
15/04/24	Back to School
06/05/24	May Bank Holiday
27/05/24 – 31/05/24	Half Term
03/06/24	Back to School
19/07/24	Last day of Term

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