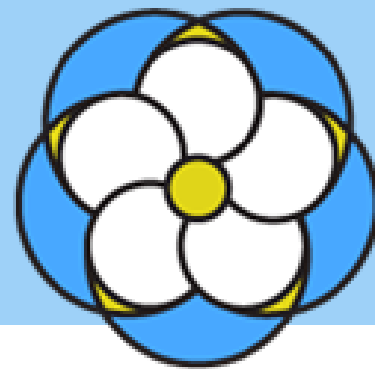


St Mary's Church of England Junior Academy

Newsletter 20 – 1st March 2024



Parents Evening/SEN Meetings

We will be holding our Parents Evenings for Spring Term on:

Wednesday 13th March between 3.30 and 5.30pm

Thursday 14th March between 3.30 and 6.30pm

With the exceptions of Red Kite Class

13th March – 2.30 – 5.30pm

14th March – 12.30 – 3.00pm

And Skylark Class

13th March – 2.00pm – 5.30pm

14th March – 3.30 – 6.30pm

In addition to these appointments, we also have
SEN Meetings on the following dates:

Tuesday 19th March 3.30 – 5.30pm

Thursday 21st March 3.30 – 5.30pm

If you would like to book an appointment with your child's teacher, these
can be booked on Parentmail from 3.00pm today.

**If parents require two separate appointments it is important that you
email the office first to have two slots allocated to your child.**

If you experience any problems with accessing Parentmail to get an
appointment, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

**SATS Booster Classes will be cancelled on Thursday 14th and Thursday
21st March.**



"They will soar on wings like eagles"

CELEBRATING LEARNING

*Congratulations to our
Stars of the Week:*

Week ending 1st March

Robin – Charleigh D

3 Skylark – Sienna-Mae T

4 Kingfisher – Mia W

4 Woodpecker – Maxwell B

5 Avocet – Lucas H

5 Curlew – Mollie Q

6 Falcon – Matthew P

6 Red Kite – Robert H

Dates for your Diary

4th Mar – Yr 6 trip to Gressenhall

w/b 4th Mar – Yr 6 PiXL Assessments

5th Mar – Second-hand Uniform Shop

8.45 – 9.45 am in Hall

*7th Mar – World Book Day (Dress as a
book character and bring your book)*

*Parents invited in for the Book Café in
library after school*

*8th Mar – PTA Tombola and Cake Stall
3 – 3.45pm (Donations of cakes would
be appreciated)*



Learning Blog – 5 Curlew Class

What a busy start to spring term two for Curlew Class. We are continuing our geography learning on Asia and volcanoes and have learnt many facts so far. We are improving our atlas skills and are now able to locate many countries and physical features in our school atlases.

Our reading lessons all link with volcanoes too – fictional text, non-fiction and even poetry on volcanoes.

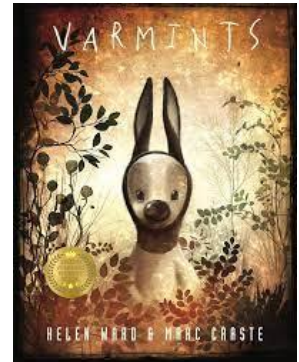
We discovered that the word **dormant** to describe volcanoes comes from the French *dormir* meaning to sleep. In our spelling lessons, we are making more and more connections with where words originate from and how they link with vocabulary in other subjects.

Our new text in English is *Varmints* and we were all surprised to find out the definition of the word *varmint*. Did you know this means: *an irritating or obnoxious person or animal?!*

As we read more of the text, we will be basing our writing around the book and producing a piece of writing on a character description and a persuasive advert, even some poetry too!

We are very proud of our maths learning and can now convert fractions to decimal fractions and percentages too.

Our science learning is continuing with materials and their properties and we are having lots of practice with investigating and making predictions.



In PE, we are practicing hard with swimming skills and enjoying the swimming pool at Wymondham. We have managed to get to silver a few times in our PE lessons when we were learning about gymnastics which makes us very proud to be part of Curlew Class.

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Easter Craft Sessions

We will be holding some Easter Craft Sessions, similar to the ones we did at Christmas and would like to invite parents in to join their children for these sessions. The dates are as follow:

Friday 15th March - Year 3 and 4 parents (plus Robin Class) - 2.00 - 3.00pm

Friday 22nd March - Year 5 and 6 parents 2.00 - 3.00 pm

The sessions will be held in the Hall except for Robin Class which will be in their own Classroom.

We look forward to seeing you.

Big Norfolk Holiday Fun

The Big Norfolk Holiday Fun (BNHF) activity programme provides holiday activities for children and young people aged 5-16 (or 4 if your child is slightly younger but in school) in Norfolk.

Children who receive benefits-related free school meals can claim free spaces on the activities, whilst paid spots are available on many activities for those who don't.

Read more on Big Norfolk Holiday Fun: www.activenorfolk.org/bnhf

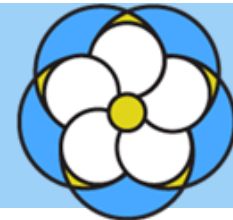
The next Big Norfolk Holiday Fun programme will be taking place during the Easter holidays and will run from the **2nd April to 12th April**.

Online booking is now available for most providers visit: <https://www.everymove.uk/inspiration/big-norfolk-holiday-fun-activities>

Find out if your child is eligible for a free place at: www.norfolk.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

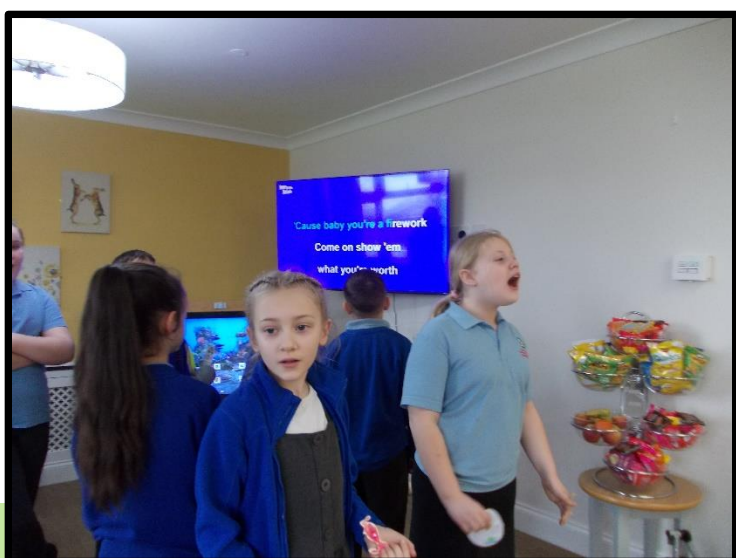


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Year 4 Visit to Harker House

On Thursday, some of Year 4 children were invited along to Harker House Residential Home to enjoy Easter Crafts and refreshments with the residents. They all had a lovely time, making crafts, talking to the residents and finished off singing a song for them. The remaining children from Year 4 will be visiting on either 21st March or 25th April.



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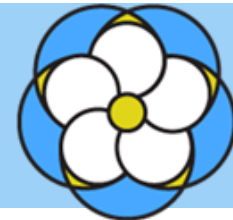
IMPORTANT - Nut Allergies

Please can we ask that you do not send your child in with anything that may contain nuts. This includes Nutella spread and dips and museli or chocolate bars. This is important because we have children in the school who have severe nut allergies.

Unfortunately, if your child also comes into school with chocolate spread in their sandwich they may be asked about this because we cannot see the difference – we hope that you understand why we need to be cautious to keep everyone safe.



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After-school Sports Clubs for next half-term

We have spaces at most of the After School Clubs, please contact the office if you are interested in your child attending. All after-school clubs will be charged a rate of £4 per session, which accurately reflect the costs of running our after-school sports provision.

- Monday: Multi Sports with Premier Education
- Tuesday: Street Dance with ARTS
- Wednesday: Football Club with Community Sports Foundation
- Thursday: Taekwondo
- Friday: Any football matches that have been organised with other schools
(details sent out separately)

Attendance – coming in later in the day

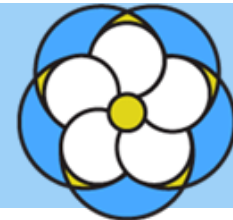
Sometimes your child may be feeling poorly first thing in the morning, but then feels a bit better later on, this may be because they have had a headache or tummy ache etc. If you feel that they are okay to come to school later in the day, please do not hesitate to bring them in at any point.

Normally we cancel a child's pre-ordered lunch if they are not in school at morning registration, therefore, on these occasions we may only be able to offer them a sandwich or they could bring in their own packed lunch.

Well Done to the following top three classes for their attendance during the week 11th – 16th February 2024.

3 Skylark	98%
6 Red Kite	95.48%
5 Curlew	94.74%

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St Mary's PTA Events...



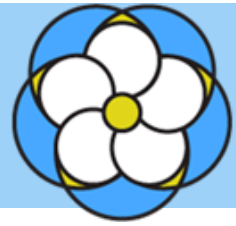
On Tuesday 5th March the PTA are holding a Second-hand Uniform Shop from 8.45 – 9.45 am in the school hall. Please pop in to have a look if your child needs some more uniform.



On the 8th March we will be holding a Tombola and Cake Stall at 3.00 – 3.45pm. We would appreciate any donations of cakes for this event and these can be brought into the office during the morning.

Dates for the year ahead:

04/03/24	Year 6 visit to Gressenhall
w/b 04/03/24	Yr 6 PiXL Assessments
05/03/24	Second-hand Uniform Shop 8.45 – 9.45am in School Hall
07/03/24	World Book Day (Dress in Book Character and bring your book into school) Parents invited in to Book Café in Library after school
08/03/24	Tombola and Cake Stall 3.00 – 3.45pm
09/03/24	International Women's Day
13/03/24	Parents Evening 3.30 – 5.30pm
14/03/24	Parents Evening 3.30 – 6.30pm (No SATS Booster Club for Yr 6)
14/03/24	Yr 3 & 4 Parents invited into school to work alongside their child 9.00am – 11.30am
14/03/24	Yr 5 & 6 Parents invited into school to work alongside their child 1.30pm – 3.00pm
15/03/24	Easter Craft afternoon with Yr 3 & 4 parents and Robins Class
15/03/24	Red Nose Day – non-school uniform
19/03/24	SEND Parents Meetings 3.30 – 5.30pm



21/03/24	SEND Parents Meetings 3.30 – 5.30pm (No SATS Booster Club for Year 6)
22/03/24	Easter Craft afternoon with Yr 5 & 6 parents
26/03/24	Easter Raffle & Cake Stall 2.50pm
27/03/24	Easter Service at the Church (children only)
28/03/24 – 12/04/24	Easter Holidays
15/04/24	Back to School
22/04/24	SENDCo from Long Stratton High School meeting with Yr 6 SEND Pupils re transition
06/05/24	May Bank Holiday
27/05/24 – 31/05/24	Half Term
03/06/24	Back to School
18/06/24	Class and Yr 6 Leaver Photos
20/06/24	Sports Day 9.00am – 12 noon
19/07/24	Last day of Term

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