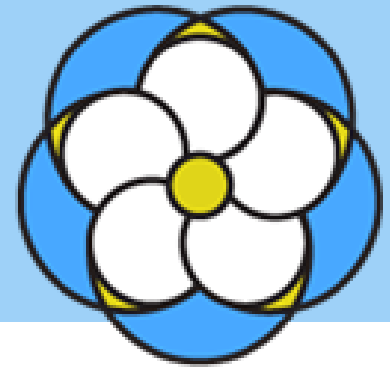


St Mary's Church of England Junior Academy

Newsletter 4 – 6th October 2023



Go Red Bake Sale

Monday 9th October 3:15pm

We would like to invite St Mary's children to get **baking!** Please bring in red-decorated cakes with you to school on the morning of Monday 9th October.

There will be an **after-school bake sale at 3:15pm.**

Fundraising proceeds will go towards buying our children dyslexia friendly books and assistive learning aids.

****Please ensure ingredients are nut free.**

We welcome gluten and dairy free alternative (labelled)**

CELEBRATING LEARNING

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week:

Week ending 6th October

Robin – Matthew S

3 Skylark – Alfie D

4 Woodpecker – Lily W

4 Kingfisher – George S

5 Avocet – Jack B

5 Curlew – Mollie Q

6 Falcon – William B

6 Red Kite – Levi H

Dates for your Diary

9th Oct – Go Red Bake Sale at 3.15pm

13th Oct – donations of Shoe Boxes to be in school please

17th Oct – Yr 3 visiting Mayfields Care Home for Halloween Crafts

*19th Oct – School Disco
Yr 3, 4, Robins 3-15 -4.15pm
Yrs 5, 6 – 4.30 – 5.30pm*

31st Oct – Deadline for Yr6 Applications for Secondary School

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Messy Church is changing its venue and times.

It's now to be held at Long Stratton Village Hall after school on Monday 9th Oct from 3.30 to 5.30.p.m.

(future dates 2nd Monday of the month)

Children of all ages welcome accompanied by adults.
Light refreshments provided.

Contact Megan on 07956 715383



Norfolk & Waveney Autism and ADHD Support Service

If you would like to look at their October Newsletter, this can be found at the following link:

<https://sway.office.com/Q29q9IIAgKxdh9Bs?ref=email>

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.

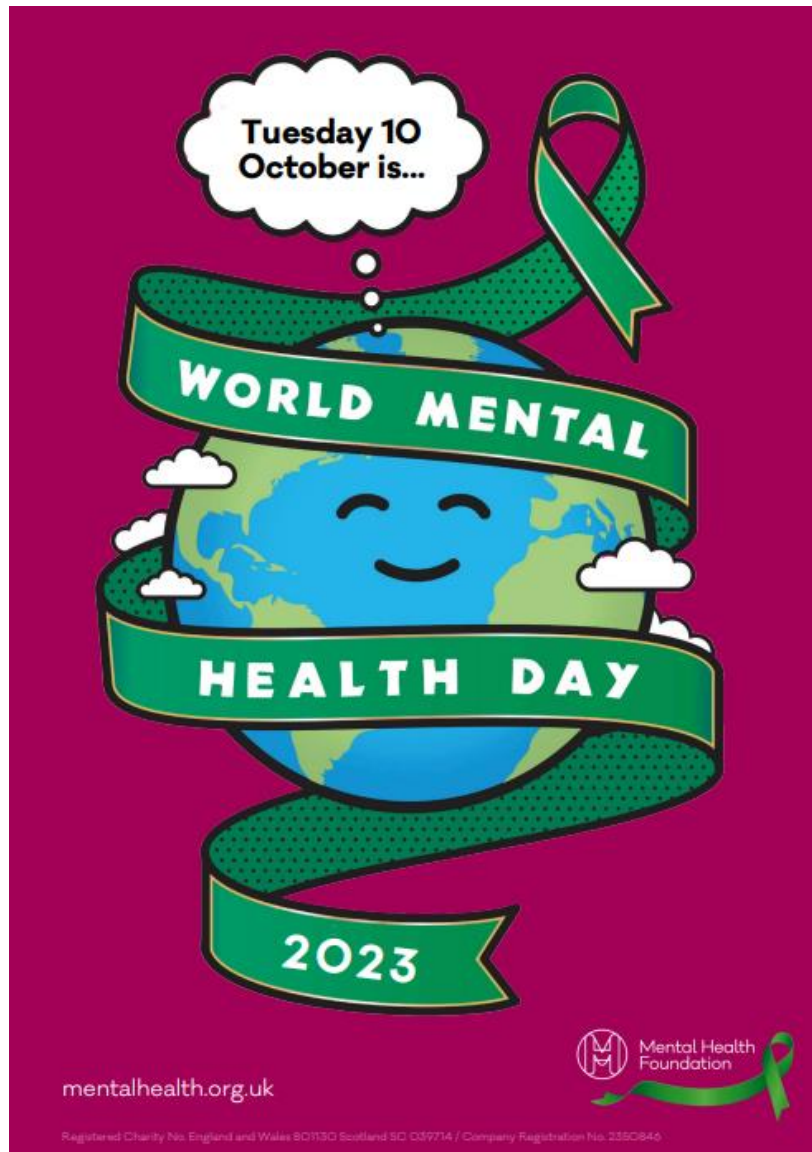
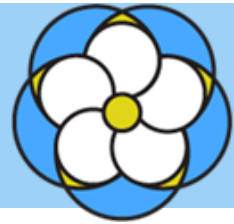
The closing date for applications is **31st October 2023** and it is important that parents make their application by that date, to ensure you get the place at the school that you want. Late applications will be given a lower priority than those received on time.

Staff Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy in school for a Teaching Assistant. If you are interested in this position please see more information on the St Benet's website. Closing date 13th October 2023

<https://stbenets.org/vacancy/teaching-assistant-st-marys-church-of-england-junior-academy/>

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For help with mental health, please visit <https://www.mind.org.uk/> for adults or for young people visit <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>

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St Mary's PTA Events....



Attendance

Well Done to the following top three classes for their attendance during the week 25th – 29th September 2023

5 Avocet	98%
3 Skylark	97%
6 Red Kite	96.45%

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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

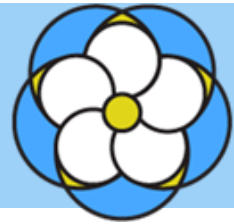
Please note, we need a £3 donation with each Christmas shoebox to cover the cost of shipping it to the recipient.

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.

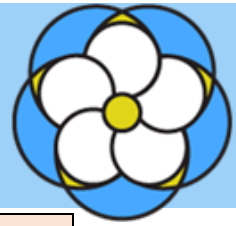
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Dates for the year ahead:

09/10/23	Go Red Bake Sale 3.15pm
10/10/23	World Mental Health Day
13/10/23	Deadline for collection for Shoebox Appeal
17/10/23	Yr 3 visiting Mayfields Care Home for Halloween Crafts
19/10/23	PTA Disco Yrs 3&4/Robins 3.15 – 4.15pm Yrs 5&6 – 4.30pm – 5.30pm
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
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

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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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