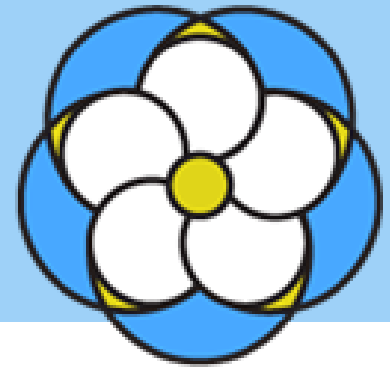


St Mary's Church of England Junior School

Newsletter 10 – 19th March 2021



From the Principal

Dear parents and carers,

It has been a wonderful first couple of weeks back for all of our children, and when I say all, I mean ALL! We have had a whopping 4 days of 100% attendance in these first two weeks and I want to say thank you for your efforts and your trust.

Your children have come back joyful and excited, engaged well in their learning. In fact, the CEO from St Benet's, Richard Cranmer (no relation) came to visit us this week in order to observe learning upon our return to school following lockdown. This is what he had to say...

Thank you again for your time and hospitality this morning- I really enjoyed my visit.

Some reflections:

- ***There was a clear sense of purpose around the school, with children engaging with learning and behaving very well.***
- ***Teachers were all actively engaged in teaching and interacting with the whole group and individual children.***
- ***There was a strong sense of community and the Christian ethos was clear to see and feel.***
- ***Seeing the Roman jewellery and shields, the Viking long boats, the class charities, the improvements in outdoor resources all illustrate the emphasis on the wider aspects of learning.***

We are so proud of this wonderful feedback and thought, that as a community, you should also take great pride in this, the success of not only the school, but also of your wonderful children.

God bless,
Ms Cranmer

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CELEBRATING LEARNING

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

Week ending 12th March

***3 Potter: Adrian O
3 Dahl: Archie-Lee Dunthorne
4 Curie: Stanley McC
4 King Jr: Jack L
5 Attenborough: Mac W-S
5 Bevan: Austin Z
6 Parks: Bryony S
6 Switzer: Connor T***

and, for the week ending 19th March

***3 Potter: Isaac R
3 Dahl: AJ W-S
4 Curie: Jenson S
4 King Jr: Sophia S
5 Attenborough: Lauren R
5 Bevan: Lucas J
6 Parks: Merryn P
6 Switzer: Archie L***



LEARNING AND CURRICULUM NEWS

Spring 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>Show What We Know about...</u> | <u>Learning purpose</u> | <u>Lead</u> |
|---------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| 4 th January | Raising aspirations | Geography | <u>We are Geographers</u> The Lay of the Land -Project based displays | Miss Laurie (Mrs Kirman) |
| 11 th January | | | | |
| 18 th January | | Science | <u>We are Scientists</u> Animals including humans -Science Display | Mrs Page Mr Power |
| 25 th January | | | | |
| 1 st February | | | | |
| 8 th February | | God's Love | Art | <u>We are Artists</u> A close study of great artists through the centuries. -Art exhibition |
| 22 nd February | | | | |
| 1 st March | Reading | | <u>We are Readers</u> We love reading- celebrating our joy for reading and... books, glorious books! Activities, competitions and World Book Day | Mrs Beuttell Miss Dutton Mrs Elvin (Mr Miller, Miss Laurie) |
| 8 th March | | | | |
| 15 th March | | | | |
| 22 nd March | | | | |
| | | History | <u>We are Historians</u> Horrible Histories British and local history -'History on show' | Miss Laurie (Mrs Kirman) |

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

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Class Learning Blog

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

Video Link Lessons

Mrs Franklin is currently teaching once or twice a week in her classroom and then teaching the rest of the week French and R.E via video link from her classroom to the children's classroom. This has worked really well.

Year 5 learning by video link this week

Whole school French working wall, from learning basic conversations in year 3 through to naming body parts and recognising the masculine and feminine words to being able to order food in a French restaurant.



Year 3 learning about the Hindu celebration of Diwali.

I understand how Hindus celebrate Diwali.

Children spent the lesson learning about rangoli patterns and Diya lamps. They then produced their own Diya lamps by decorating salt dough and colouring rangoli patterns.



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Year 6 Viking Workshop

We might be in lockdown but here at St Mary's we are still trying our hardest to give the children an immersive learning experience! On 15th March, Y6 had a visit from a Viking from the past (who, amazingly, managed to set up a meeting via Zoom). Amongst other things, we learned a lot about weapons, farming, violence and, best of all, how Vikings used poo! Here are some of our comments about the visit:

I thought they had bigger houses but they only had one room (Marcus)

All of us would be classed as young adults in the Viking era (Isla)

I didn't realise they had different ends on arrows and one type was designed to go through the shields (Logan)

I learned that Vikings didn't have horns on their helmets (Leo)

Vikings don't drink water because of bacteria – they drink beer instead (Nathan)

Proper Viking swords were actually bendy (Ema)

I didn't realise they shaved off the hair of their slaves and made them wear a metal collar (Katie)

I learned Vikings captured the monks (Madison)

I learned they used a loom to spin their wool and make clothes (Connor)

I learned we still use about 600 Old Norse (Viking) words today (Alfie)

Turn on the Subtitles

Stephen Fry is leading a new campaign urging parents to make one small change in order to improve children's literacy. Take a look at this short YouTube clip with Stephen Fry who explains how turning on the subtitles on your TV is shown to help children read.

<https://www.inyourarea.co.uk/news/stephen-fry-leads-campaign-to-improve-childrens-literacy-with-one-small-change/>

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World Book Day Competition

Well done to the winners of our World Book Day Competition to create a jam-jar scene or door of their favourite book. It was amazing to see the effort the children put in, particularly as many were at home learning remotely! The winners are:

Potter – Hannah D

Bevan – Keiran H

Dahl – The keyworker group

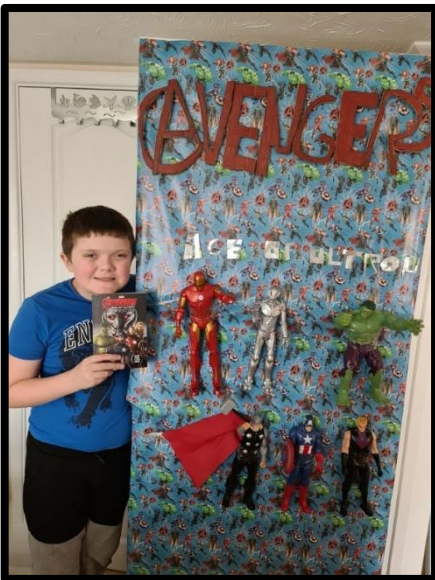
Attenborough – Olly W

King Junior – Darcey M

Switzer – Madison-Zofia R

Curie – Keiran H

Parks – Chloe H



Grandpa's Great
Escape by David
Walliams

Created by
Hannah
Davidson



End of Term

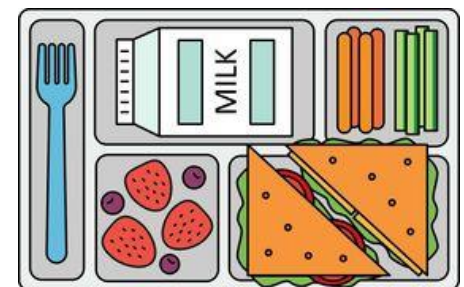
We would just like to remind you that school closes for the Easter holidays on Friday 26th March at 1.30pm. Therefore, after school club will not be open on this day. We are back in school on Monday 12th April

COVID Symptoms during Easter Holidays

If your child has been attending school and they develop symptoms of Covid during the 48 hours after the last day of term, please contact us using the Covid email address covid@st-marys.norfolk.sch.uk, so that we can make the necessary arrangements to isolate bubbles where required. Any positive cases after 48 hours should be reported through the NHS Test and Trace in the normal way and does not need to be reported to the school until the first day of term (12th April)

New Spring/Summer Lunch Menu

Please find attached a copy of the latest Menus from Norse which will start after Easter. Your child can choose from Meat, Vegetarian, Packed lunch or Jacket Potato options every day.



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Pupil Data Collection Forms

Pupils will be bringing home this week a Data Collection Form showing the data that we hold on our computer system. Please could you check this through and then sign and return it with any amendments that you may have by **Friday 26th March**. Unfortunately, there is a slight error with the form at present and it is not showing the home address, please fill this in, so that we can check that we have the correct address for you. Please return the form signed even if no amendments are required so that we know that you have seen it.

Manor Field Breakfast Club

We have been advised that Manor Field will start to take bookings from next week, for places at their Breakfast Club after Easter. They have only 8 places for St Mary's pupils, so please book as soon as possible if you wish your child to attend.











Free downloadable resources from Barracudas Activity Day Camps

From creative projects to fun games, using minimal equipment you can find around the home, Barracudas have got you covered! Please find their FREE downloadable resources on their website:

<https://www.barracudas.co.uk/blog/great-activities-to-do-at-home-this-half-term/>

2020 – 2021 CHARITABLE FUNDRAISING...

Well done and thank you for your support!

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|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|
| 3 Potter has raised £16.16 for | The Dream Factory  | 3 Dahl has raised £16.16 for | Hallswood Animal Sanctuary  |
| 4 King Jr has raised £16.16 for |  mind for better mental health | 4 Curie has raised £142.16 for | Marie Curie Cancer Care  |
| 5 Bevan has raised £16.16 for |  each East Anglia's Children's Hospices | 5 Attenborough has raised £16.16 for |  WWF World Wildlife Fund |
| 6 Parks has raised £16.16 for |  STOP HATE UK STOP HATE. START HERE | 6 Switzer has raised £160.66 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.



SAFEGUARDING

Road safety tips

See One, Think Two - and stay safe!

When we're on the road we don't make decisions as well as we think we do. 96% of us think a small object will take longer to reach us than a large one travelling at the same speed.

We all make mistakes. That's why Pushing Ahead have launched a campaign to encourage road users to See One, Think Two.

Visit the Norfolk County Council Road Safety Website for more information and a video explaining safety tips

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads/road-safety/road-safety-tips>



Information for safeguarding from the school.

A reminder to Parents/Carers to ensure that there is no parking in front of the school and Nelson Lodge, the Break Charity building opposite the school. Please also do not park next to the cones outside the gates because this obscures peoples view of the road and is dangerous for children and adults.

Please also be careful when driving down Swan Lane and adhere to the 20 MPH speed limit.

This information is to keep everyone safe.

Thank you for your understanding and continuous support.

See one, think two

There is a Road Safety Wordsearch attached for pupils to do.

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CHRISTIAN DISTINCTIVENESS

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



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God's Love

*We develop a positive, joyful
community spirit,
contributing to the wider
world through
the love of God.*

*For God
so loved the world,
that He gave His
only Son
John 3:16*

Love is patient
is kind
it does not envy
it does not boast
it is not proud
it is not rude
it is not self-seeking
it is not easily angered
it keeps no record of wrongs
it does not delight in evil
it rejoices with the truth
it always **Protects**
it always **Trusts**
it always **Hopes**
it always **Perseveres**
Never Fails
1 Corinthians 13:4, 7-8

Songs for 'God's Love':

[Reckless Love - Cory Asbury](#)

[Love Like This - Lauren Daigle](#)



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