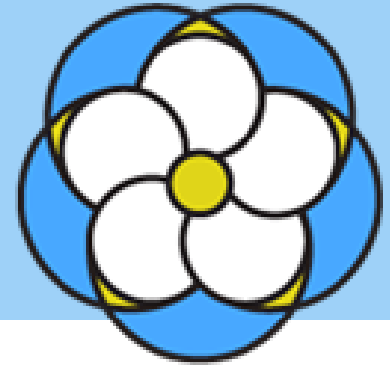


St Mary's Church of England Junior Academy

Newsletter 11 – 18th March 2022



Dear Parents and Carers

We are moving quickly towards Easter and children are working hard and learning well. Many of you have had the opportunity to meet teachers to discuss the progress of your children and Year 6 will have their meetings in the week of 28th March.

We were very pleased to welcome several adults into school for our France Trip briefing earlier in the week. Mr Roberts gave a talk on the aims and expectations of this exciting opportunity for our pupils in Years 5 and 6. The visit looks full of promise for a very positive first trip abroad for many. We really hope that COVID rules continue without change so that we are able to have a successful French adventure.

We have started an important computing project across the school and children are learning about the power of IT and the importance of keeping themselves safe online. The learning will cover many aspects of computing, the use of the Internet, programming and APPs.

We had a special Police Assembly on Monday for Year 6 where children were made aware of their responsibility in using the Internet safely, being aware of things that might make them feel uncomfortable and even things that might be illegal. They listened attentively and we were proud of their sensible attitude and appropriate questions. This is a good opportunity to remember that it is the responsibility of every parent to scrutinise their child's Internet use and make sure that access is monitored and age appropriate.

We are busy preparing for our Easter celebrations with songs being learnt and Easter Wreaths based on the Stations of the Cross made in each class. We intend to present the Wreaths to St. Mary's church at the end of term and our learning ambassadors will be walking to the church to take them.

We have received some impressive designs for the refurbishment of the library and are now considering affordability, everything is much more expensive than anticipated!

We hope that the children have all had a good day dressed in something red for Comic Relief today.

With best wishes to all

Mrs L Hanger
Interim Head Teacher

CELEBRATING LEARNING

*Congratulations to our
Stars of the Week:*

Week ending 4th March

3Athens – Mollie Q

3Rome – Ruby A

4Merida – Lewis H

4New Orleans – Eva-Bess W

5Beijing – Iyla H

5Mumbai – Nicolai H

6Cape Town – Cody W

6Casablanca – Lauren R

and, for the week ending 11th March

3Athens – Lola H

3Rome – Caleb T

4Merida – Hannah R

4New Orleans – Baran K

5Beijing – Jenson S

5Mumbai – Micky M

6Cape Town – Mia F

6Casablanca – Evie H



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>Coverage</u>	<u>Learning Purpose</u>
6 th January (2 days) 10 th January 17 th January	Raising aspirations	<u>Geography and History</u>	<u>We are Humanitarians – Resilient explorers</u> Creating hallway displays to demonstrate ambitious vocabulary.
24 th January 31 st January		<u>Science</u>	<u>We are Scientists – Making connections</u> Producing informative leaflets to share our learning with parents and carers at home.
7 th February (half term homework project) 21 st February		<u>Art</u>	<u>We are Artists – Inspiring future generations</u> Every child is an artist. Whole school outdoor Art Exhibition
28 th February 7 th March		<u>Reading</u>	<u>We are Readers – Spreading the magic of books</u> TBC by English leads
14 th March 21 st March 28 th March		<u>Computing and DT</u>	<u>We are Technicians – Creating solutions for the future</u> TBC by computing and DT leads

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

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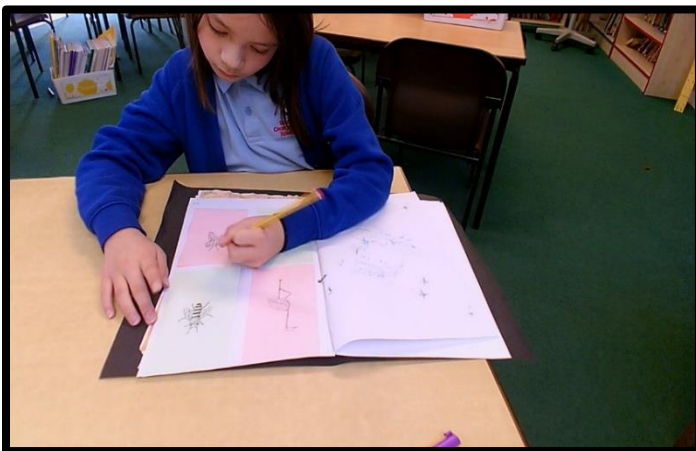
Class Learning Blog – 5Mumbai Class

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

In English this week we are continuing to look at the book *Varmints* by Helen Ward and Mark Craste. We will be writing a discussion text based on the book next week, so we have been busy exploring the For and Against arguments of the text through drama and group discussions.

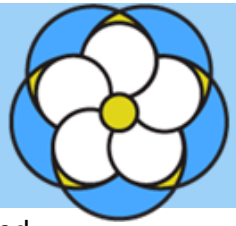


We finished our reading topic last week and the children enjoyed using their imaginations and showing off their creativity by making a journal of their own adventures based on the book *Nine Worlds in Nine Days*.



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This week we have started a new 3-week topic of computing which the class have been very excited about! We are learning all about online safety, such as secure usernames and passwords, creating memes and posters, learning about whether all things posted on the internet are true and cyber bullying. We will also be learning how to do simple coding and programming during our computing topic.



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World Book Day

A big thank you to all the children (and parents!) who helped to make World Book Day such a success this year. The theme was 'You Are a Reader' and I think all the children demonstrated just how much they love books by the creative and wonderful costumes that they wore. My particular favourite was the inflatable dinosaur who caused quite a stir on entering our assembly that morning! To tie in with the book day theme, we have been creating reading journals in topic over the last two weeks, with the winner from each class receiving a special book-related prize. Winners will be announced in the next edition!



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Beginners Hockey

Following the first Beginners session in February half-term, Norfolk Hockey will be running a second camp for beginners during the Easter holidays. Pupils might have had a hockey intro session at school or seen a match on TV/online and would like to have a go at this fast, exciting game. The aim is for players to have fun whilst developing their skills in gameplay sessions led by EH qualified coaches.

WHEN: Thursday 7th April 12pm -3pm
WHERE: Taverham Recreation Centre, Beech Avenue, Taverham Norwich, NR8 6HP
WHO: School Years 6– 9
COST: £1 – bring it on the day.
EQUIPMENT: We have sticks you can use.
If you have football shin guards, please bring them. Wear trainers.

For further information, please contact Mary Cheesman, NH Talent System Lead
Coach pplcoach.norfolk@gmail.com 01692 404624 or Glenn Moore ppadmin@norfolk-hockey.co.uk

You must register for the camp. Please scan and send the completed registration form to Glenn Moore (see attached) or post to Glenn at 29 Ullswater Avenue, South Wootton, Kings Lynn, Norfolk, PE30 3NJ.

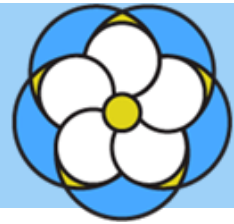
Year 6 Parent Consultation

Year 6 Parent Consultations will be held on Monday 28th and Thursday 31st March between 3.30 and 6.00pm. Appointments will be available to book on Parentmail in due course (a separate email will be sent out when these are available). The meetings will be held on Google Classroom, so please ensure that you are able to access this ahead of time.

Sun Hats/Suncream

Now that the weather is starting to improve and the children can play out on the field at lunch time, please think about whether your child needs to have suncream on or bring a sun hat with them on sunnier days. As normal, please ensure that they have a water bottle with them every day.

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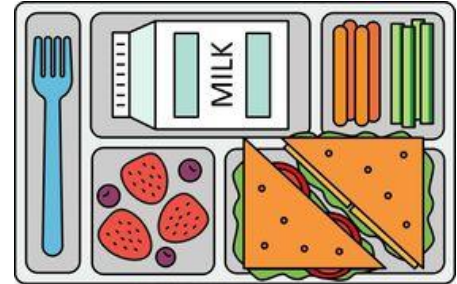


NORSE Meal Price Increase

Unfortunately, the cost of school lunches will be increased from £2.20 per meal to £2.30 with effect from 19th 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. Please note some alterations have been made to the Main Menu, therefore please see this menu for dessert options rather than those on the Packed Lunch/Jacket Potato Menus.



Lunch Menu – Tues 19th April

There is a change to the menu for the first day back which will be as per the Monday menu.

Margherita Pizza (v) with Potato Wedges and Sweetcorn

or Jacket Potato or Cheese Sandwich

Dessert – Vanilla Ice Cream



Easter Cake Sale

We will be holding an Easter Cake Sale on Thursday 31st March from 3.00pm. All proceeds will go towards school funds. The Cake Sale will either be outside at the front of the school or in the Hall (weather dependent). Any contributions of cakes would be much appreciated and can be brought into the office the day before.

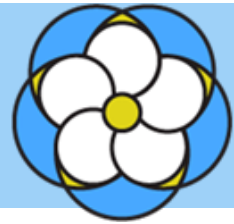
If you would like to become part of the PTA or are just interested in helping out on occasions, please could you contact the office or send a letter/email expressing your interest to Mrs Dale at

t.dale@st-marys.norfolk.sch.uk

Easter Holidays

Please note that school closes on Friday 1st April at **1.30pm** and we are back in school on **Tuesday 19th April**. We are aware that some other schools in the area do not open until 20th April, however this is because we were closed on 5th January for an Inset Day whilst other schools were open.

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SAFEGUARDING



Norfolk
County Council

Early help

If you have difficulties in your family or are worried about your children, there are people who can offer help and support.

Difficulties could be:

- Mental health problems
- Domestic abuse at home
- Drug or alcohol dependency
- Your child not going to school
- Struggling as a lone parent
- Debt problems
- Housing problems

Find out how you can **get early help**.

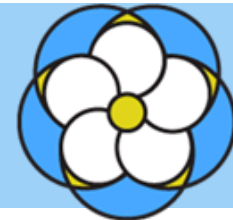
If family life feels unsafe or difficult to cope with, or if you are worried about the safety or welfare of a child, contact us and tell us about it.

Find out more on their website <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/children-and-families/early-help-and-family-support>







'Providing early help is more effective in promoting the welfare of children than reacting later' Department of Education

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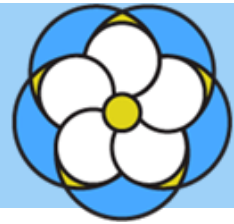


2021 – 2022 CHARITABLE FUNDRAISING...

Charitable Fundraising

2021-2022 Class Charities <i>(Please be advised that we continue to support additional charities such as comic/sports relief, children in need, jeans 4 genes etc)</i>			
LKS2 Class Name	Linked Charity	UKS2 Class Name	Linked Charity
3 Athens	The Hamlet 	5 Beijing	Nelson's Journey 
3 Rome		5 Mumbai	
4 Merida	Norfolk and Waveney Mind 	6 Cape Town	Finnbar's Force 
4 New Orleans		6 Casablanca	
London and After School Club	NSPCC St Mary's Church, Long Stratton		

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CHRISTIAN DISTINCTIVENESS

**This half-term we are
celebrating 'God's Love'**

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

 Diocese of Norwich
St Benet's
Multi Academy Trust



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

Songs for God's Love:

(click link below)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sc6SSHuZvQE> (Reckless Love)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rv6_fpU2jdc (Love Like This – Lauren Daigle)



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