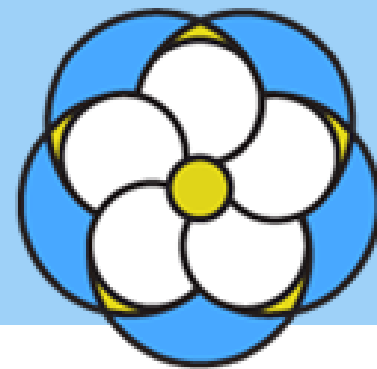


St Mary's Church of England Junior School

Newsletter 15 – 25th June 2021



From the Principal

Dear parents and carers,

It has been a time where as a school and community, we have taken much time to focus on our current theme of **Positive Relationships**. This has been more important than ever over the last year and a half, in that it has meant that we have had to look closely at our own personal relationships, and our relationships with our community, in order to ensure that we support and protect each other with a new focus – considering both physical and mental health. It has meant developing a greater appreciation for each other as well as often providing additional support, encouragement and love.

What a pleasure it was as well this week, to speak to your children in our Collective Worship assembly, about what each of them believes **Positive Relationships** to mean for them, and their interpretations of how we express this as a school community. This is what they had to say...

CELEBRATING LEARNING

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week:

Week ending 11th June

- 3 Potter: William R
- 3 Dahl: Maddix B-J
- 4 Curie: Oscar W
- 4 King Jr: Saphira T
- 5 Attenborough: Sophie R
- 5 Bevan: Mufaro C
- 6 Parks: Brooklyn S
- 6 Switzer: Thisum G

and, for the week ending 18th June

- 3 Potter: Sophia R
- 3 Dahl: Olivia F
- 4 Curie: Edward S
- 4 King Jr: Eve H
- 5 Attenborough: Lauren R
- 5 Bevan: Mia F
- 6 Parks: Poppy H
- 6 Switzer: Leo H



Positive relationships St Mary's Church of England Junior School (In other words)

We work together, as a community, consistently ...

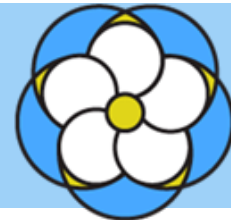
We come all together for one goal like wanting to save the world, and other community goals.
Working with all of the people all around us – our neighbours, our friends, classmates and people of Long Stratton.
Consistently means all of the people, all of the time. You KEEP doing, even when it gets difficult.
Examples: as a Year group cleaning up our outdoor area as an area that we share; sports day; shared writing.
Setting an example thinking about choices. Everybody contributing to a common goal – like bringing in resources for our community garden.

...consistently demonstrating that we trust and believe in every person, enabling all to aim high and succeed.

A positive view of every person and expecting them to do well. If you expect them to do well then they're more likely to do so. Always believing and having faith in them to do well.
In every moment that we are together we have a non-negotiable, resolute belief and faith that they are going to succeed. We support and guide them through our positive words and actions.
Working together to succeed. Trust each other. Trust the adults to teach you the right lessons to help you to make the right choices.
Everyone can succeed – no excuses – believing in every person.
Aim for something higher than you may expect.

Keep safe and God bless,
Ms Cranmer

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LEARNING AND CURRICULUM NEWS

Summer 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>SWWK</u>	<u>Learning purpose</u>
12 th April	Love for learning	Science	<u>We are Scientists</u> Science Fair Investigations
19 th April			
26 th April		History	<u>We are Historians:</u> Ancient Civilizations -A night at the museum (school)
3 rd May			
10 th May		Science	<u>We are Scientists</u> All living things- the biological world around us. -Science scavenger hunt and exhibition
17 th May			
24 th May		RSE	<u>We are Learners</u> Journaling as we learn to understand and develop healthy relationships
7 th June	Positive relationships	PE & Performing Arts	<u>We are athletes and performers</u> A close study of physically and mentally healthy lifestyles - Sports Day <i>Preparing for end of Year performances</i>
14 th June			
21 st June		Geography/ History	<u>We are Geographers:</u> Our tour guides will take you on a trip around the world in 15 days- A transformation of classrooms
28 th June			
5 th July		History	<u>We are Historians:</u> A close study of inspirational people
12 th July			
19 th July			

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

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Class Learning Blog – 6 Parks

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

Our topic for the next few weeks is 'A trip around the world.' In year 6 we will be focusing on Iceland. We will be investigating the physical and the human geography of the island and discovering more about the people and their culture. We have already started to learn about the volcanoes that are found in Iceland and have built cross-sections of them out of plasticine. Over the coming weeks we will be investigating the aurora borealis, geysers and hot springs as well.



In English we have been looking at writing non-chronological reports. We have used the example of the swamp monster to create our own fictional creatures to write about. We are focusing on how to write formally, how to quote experts and use evidence in our writing. We've seen some amazingly creative animal ideas and are looking forward to seeing the finished pieces of writing!

We are looking forward to starting our gardening project. The class have come up with lots of garden designs and we have washed and prepared lots of tyres that we are going to incorporate into our garden as well.

We have also started to think about the transition to high school. We've been lucky to have had a visit from Long Stratton High School that has helped all pupils, no matter where they are going, to understand a bit more about what life is like in secondary. I know all the children are looking forward to their high school transition days that are coming up soon!



Finally, I know that we are all getting very excited for our end of year celebrations that are coming up soon, beginning with Pleasurewood Hills next week! Everyone has worked hard throughout difficult circumstances this year and we want everyone to have a wonderful time.

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Sports Day 2021

Sports Day this year took a slightly different format than previous years due to the ongoing Covid 19 situation, but it was certainly an improvement on 2020 when most pupils were still learning from home!

This year, we held the event in year group bubbles and, due to the limited number of adults within each, we had to rely on the children to run some events unsupervised. As you can see from the pictures below, the children rose to the challenge brilliantly with some year groups even officiating in the absence of a staff member! They have all done so well, maybe next year we can allow staff to put their feet up while the pupils run the day!

The events were enjoyed by staff and adults alike and, thankfully, the weather was kind to us on every afternoon. A particular well done must go to Year 5 who took part in theirs on the hottest day of the week, and also a big thank you to Mrs Dale for organising the ice lollies. They went down a treat!

Thank you to parents for your support with team colours, hats, suncream and, of course, money for ice lollies (*see Charity section for amount raised*). We very much hope that next year you will be there to support and cheer us all on.

Mrs Beuttell



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Parent Consultations/Reports

This Saturday Parent Consultations/Report

We will be emailing out your child's School Report on Monday 28th June at 6.00pm ahead of the Parent Consultation Meetings next week. If you have not yet booked your appointment, there are still some slots available to book via Parentmail.

Parent consultations will be held via Google Classrooms. Please can you ensure that you know your child's Google Classroom login before the day. If you are unsure of login details, please contact the class teacher.

- **Tues 29th June – Yr 4** during the day, then 4.00 – 6.30pm
- **Weds 30th June – Yr 5** during the day, then 4.00 – 6.30pm
- **Thurs 1st July – Yr 3** during the day, then 4.00 – 6.30pm
- **Mon 5th July – Yr 6** during the day, then 4.00 – 6.30pm

We would like your children to be involved with the parent consultations, therefore if you choose a time slot during the day, they will be in the meeting with the teacher and if you have an evening slot, please could your child attend with you.

Car Boot Sale – This Saturday

Please join us for our Car Boot Sale on Saturday 26th June between 10am and 1pm. If you are interested in a pitch, please contact Tracy Dale on t.dale@st-marys.norfolk.sch.uk. The cost of a pitch is £5.00.



School Library Books

Please could you look at home to see if you have any books from our school library. If so, could these be returned to school by **Friday 9th July**. These can be handed in to the Class Teacher. Many thanks for your help.

Bottle Tops Needed

Year 3 are looking to do an Art Project this term which needs plastic bottle tops. If you are able to help, please send in your washed bottle tops, as many different colours as possible, over the next few weeks. Children can bring them in to their class teachers who will pass these on to Year 3.



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ParentMail

Could we ask all parents to check their ParentMail Accounts before the end of the school year, to make sure that they have no outstanding payments i.e. Dinners, After School Club payments. Even if your child has not had a lunch for a while, it could be that an amount is still required to be paid which has been forgotten. Please address any queries to the office, so we can look into this for you.

Eat Them to Defeat Them!

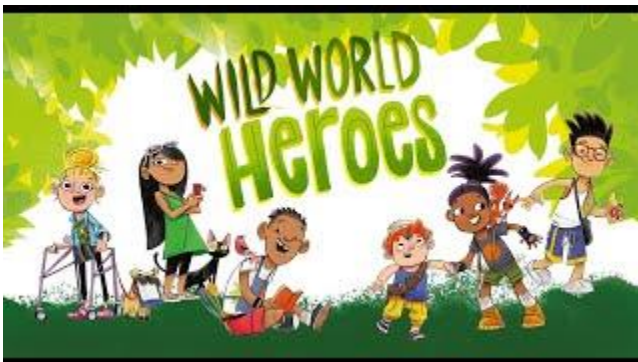


It is week 3 of the **Eat Them To Defeat Them** campaign and the 'veg of the week' this week is **peppers!** Please see attached a **fun facts poster** and **pepper-related recipe**

It would be wonderful if you could share the factfile and recipes with your child(ren) (*please see attached*), to get them thinking about how versatile this vegetable can be. Any pictures of your completed Stuffed Pepper Recipe can be forwarded to d.beuttell@st-marys.norfolk.sch.uk for inclusion in later newsletters.



Norfolk Libraries Summer Reading Challenge



Once again, Long Stratton library will be doing their summer reading challenge. Keep the kids busy during the summer holidays with their wild world themed reading challenge. It's all free and kids can earn themselves a medal by reading 6 books of their choice. To find out more about the challenge contact your local library or visit: www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries (*see also poster attached*)

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2020 – 2021 CHARITABLE FUNDRAISING...

Sports Day – Ice Cream sales

Thank you to everyone who purchased an ice cream/lolly for their child to have at their Sports Day. We managed to raise £173.80 which will be split between the NHS and school curriculum resources and activities.



Thank you for your continued support!

3 Potter has raised £32.91 for	The Dream Factory 	3 Dahl has raised £28.68 for	Hallswood Animal Sanctuary 
4 King Jr has raised £27.16 for		4 Curie has raised £207.76 for	Marie Curie Cancer Care 
5 Bevan has raised £27.66 for	 East Anglia's Children's Hospices	5 Attenborough has raised £25.67 for	WWF World Wildlife Fund 
6 Parks has raised £27.06 for		6 Switzer has raised £314.91 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.

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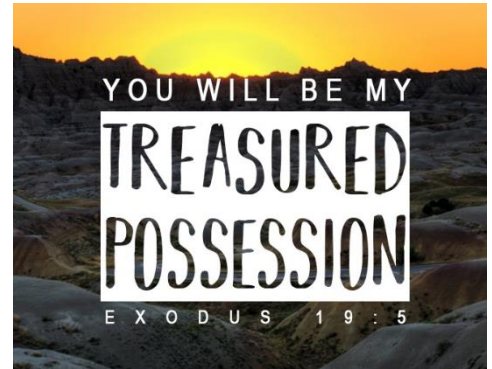


CHRISTIAN DISTINCTIVENESS

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

Positive relationships

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Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace.

EPHESIANS 4:2-3 (NLT)

Songs for 'God's Love':

Smile - Sidewalk Prophets

I Won't Let You Go - Lauren Daigle and Switchfoot

Holy Water - We the Kingdom



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