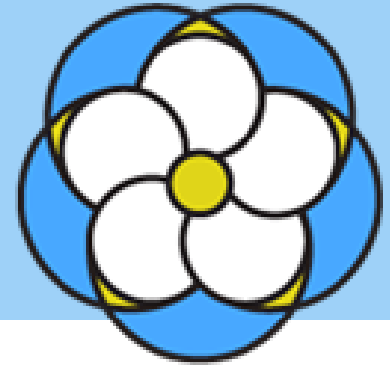


St Mary's Church of England Junior Academy

Newsletter 16 – 17th June 2022



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to everyone for your support during what has to have been one of the most difficult weeks in terms of staffing for the school.

We have had many members of staff off sick and I am sure that you share with me in congratulating all of those who have made extra effort to cover and ensure ongoing learning for the children. A special thanks to members of the team who have gone without a proper lunch break and worked extra hours to ensure that every child has a safe and happy lunchtime experience.

I have been asked to remind everyone about the correct use of water bottles in school and the use of sunhats and sunglasses at break and lunch times. Please remind your children that water bottles are not to be used to spray over each other to cool down and that anyone using them in such an inappropriate manner will have to leave the bottles inside and miss part of their break to return inside for a drink when required.

We understand that some children need to wear sunglasses on the field because of glare and allergies. Please do not send expensive eye wear to school, children run around at lunchtime and can be careless and we can take no responsibility for the loss or breakage of expensive items. Likewise, with sun hats, which some children need to wear, please remind your children that they are responsible for their own personal belongings.

This could be a good time to remind everyone about the rules regarding bringing personal items from home. There has been a steady influx over the past few weeks of inappropriate toys and personal effects being brought to school which then cause trouble when they are lost. Children should leave all valuable personal belongings at home.

There may have been some confusion over the arrangements for Sports Day at the end of next week, Friday 24th June. Please note that all parents will be welcome in school for the MORNING from 09:30 to 11:30 when there will be children's races.

The children will run their carousel of activities after lunch and will end the school day at the usual time of 3:10pm.

Several parents have approached me with enquiries as to changes happening after the summer holidays. Please be assured that I will let everyone know the arrangements for September as soon as I am able to. In preparation for a new term there are two new policies which will be considered, please find these attached for you to look at. (Draft Uniform and Healthy Snack Policies).

Please let us know by responding to the Office email address if you would like to comment on these policies.

We hope that we will soon be ready for the children to know about their new classes for September and have planned some exciting Transition plans for meeting their new teachers later in the term.

Regards from Mrs L Hanger
Interim Head Teacher

CELEBRATING LEARNING

*Congratulations to our
Stars of the Week:*

Week ending 27th May

3Athens – Seb D

3Rome – Isla C

4Merida – Jackson S-J

4New Orleans – AJ W-S

5Beijing – Lucie H

5Mumbai – Summer M

6Cape Town – Mia F

6Casablanca – Matilda B

*and, for the week ending
10th June*

3Athens – Autumn M

3Rome – Caleb T

4Merida – Josh T

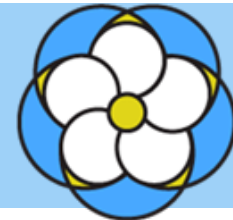
4New Orleans – Lexie R

5Beijing – Harry E

5Mumbai – Abbie T

6Cape Town – James D

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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>Coverage</u>	<u>Area of enquiry</u>	<u>Show What We Know about...</u>
19 th April 25 th April	Love for learning	<u>Science</u> Year 3 – Plants – need for survival Year 4 – sound Year 5 – Life cycles Year 6 – Electricity	<u>We are Scientists</u> – Is it vital for survival?_	Experiments – inviting parents and carers in the hall!
3 rd May 9 th May 16 th May		<u>History and Geography</u> Year 3 – Climate zones and biomes Year 4 – Maya civilization Year 5 – Baghdad and the Middle East Year 6 – Mapping the World	<u>We are Humanitarians</u> – Becoming global citizens	Being global citizens - Whole school homework competition
23 rd May		<u>RSE</u> Journaling as we learn to understand and develop healthy relationships	<u>We are A Kind Community</u> – Looking after ourselves and others	Creating reflective journals
6 th June 13 th June		<u>Science</u> Year 3 - Forces and magnets Year 4 - Electricity Year 5 - Growing old Year 6 - Circulation and lifestyle	<u>We are Scientists</u> – Can we create energy?_	Collaborative learning - Sharing our findings with other year groups
21 st June 28 th June		<u>PE & Food Tech</u> A close study of physically and mentally healthy lifestyles	<u>We are Athletes and Chefs</u> – A dedicated team	- Sports Day 24 th June (Parents Welcome Between 9.30am And 11.30am)
4 th July 11 th July		<u>Geography/ History</u> Year 3 - Ancient Greeks Year 4 - USA Year 5 - Victorians Year 6 - Making our Mark	<u>We are Tourists</u> – Portals and Time Travel	Inviting parents to travel through time and space as we transform our classrooms!
18 th July		<u>Transition for 2022-2023</u>		

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Class Learning Blog – 4 Merida

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



In Art for the last half term the focus has been on the skills that we use in Art and Design. As well as sketching and drawing, which has also included painting and craft skills.

We created an optical illusion by using two contrasting pictures a parrot and a portrait of Frida Kahlo.



We designed a plate in the famous willow pattern style, using blue ink.

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We carved a bar of soap, inspired by the work of Barbara Hepworth.

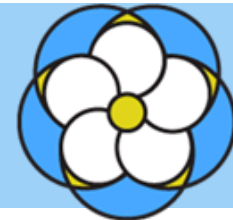
We mixed colours in the style of Paul Cézanne.



In our final lesson of the unit, we learnt about the role of a curator. In small groups we created our own art exhibitions, selecting, labelling and presenting our pieces of Art work in a way that showed them off well. We even invited guests to pay a visit to ask questions about our hard work. We hope you enjoy looking at these photos of our exhibitions.



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Norfolk Libraries Summer Reading Challenge 2022

The Reading Agency and Norfolk library and Information Service are excited to introduce Gadgeteers, Summer Reading Challenge 2022; a celebration of innovation and imagination, in partnership with the Science Museums Group.

About the Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge takes place every year during the summer holidays and aims to support children's reading for pleasure and prevent a dip in reading over the six-week break. As well as supporting literacy, reading is a fantastic way to promote mental wellbeing and have fun.

How to register

You can register for the Summer Reading Challenge at your local library or mobile library. Your child will receive a free poster that follows the Gadgeteers, a group of children who love to solve problems and invent things. The aim of the game is to read 2 books, collect a set of stickers to put on the poster (some are scratch and sniff!) and find out the Gadgeteer's inventive plans for a summer party. Your child can set your own reading goals, but we recommend reading six books in total.

If you struggle to visit a library regularly you can download children's books from our virtual library. Visit our virtual library for more information, eBooks, eNewspapers, eMagazines and eAudio at the following link.

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries-local-history-and-archives/libraries/find-an-item/ebooks-and-eaudio>

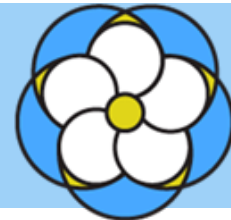
You can also join the challenge online with the reading agency at **[Summer Reading Challenge](https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/news/general/gadgeteers-intro)**

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All the resources are provided online so you won't need to pick up a poster or stickers from us, but you are welcome to borrow our books to complete the challenge.



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Class Photos/Year 6 Leaver Photos

On Tuesday 21st June, we have the school photographer coming in during the morning to do Class photos and Year 6 Leaver photos. Please ensure that your child has a school jumper/cardigan with them on that day, if you have one, so that they can put this on for the photo.



Please can Year 4 come in their uniform on that day instead of the usual PE Kit and bring some trainers with them for PE.

Year 4 Royal Norfolk Show

Year 4 will be going on a trip to the Royal Norfolk Show on Thursday 30th June. Please can payment and consent be made for this trip via Parentmail by **Friday 24th June**. If you have not seen the letter that has gone out, please let the office know.

End of Term Discos

We will be holding School Discos for all year groups to celebrate the end of the school year.

Thursday 7th July

In the School Hall

Tickets £3

Drinks, Sweets & Popcorn £1 each



Times

Yr3: 3.15pm – 4.15pm

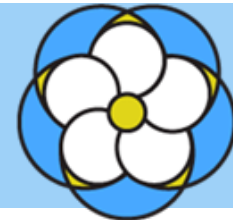
Yr 4: 4.30pm – 5.30pm

Yr 5: 5.45pm – 6.45pm

Yr6: 7pm – 8pm

Tickets will be available to purchase from Parentmail only, in advance and will not be available at the event.

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ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Good Attendance means...
Being in school at least 97% of the time or 184 to 190 days

Remember
Your education is important - don't miss out!

Did you know?
A two week holiday in term time means that the highest attendance a child can achieve is **94.7%**



There are **365** days in a calendar year

175 days are **not** spent at school*

*So there's plenty of time for shopping, holidays and appointments!

Did you know?
When pupils attend school they:

- ✓ Can achieve their full potential
- ✓ Have better career prospects
- ✓ Learn how to look after themselves and be healthy
- ✓ Grow in confidence
- ✓ Keep up with work and homework
- ✓ Make new friends

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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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