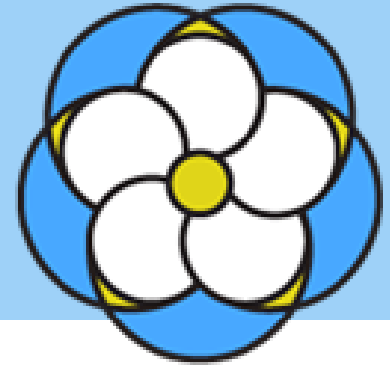


St Mary's Church of England Junior Academy

Newsletter 2 – 24th September 2021



From the Chair of Governors

Dear parents and carers,

It is lovely to get this opportunity to write to you this week.

It always amazes me how quickly the children settle into a new school year and having popped into the school this afternoon and put my head into every class, it was lovely to see the children engaged and positive about their learning. Whilst I get to see the children once a week on screen for collective worship, it was even better to be able to see them in person.

Our focus this half term is on courage, and last week I spent time reflecting with the children on how we often need courage when we face different or new situations. Over the last few weeks, everyone has faced a change, either starting a new school or moving to a different class and we all need courage, especially when we are feeling anxious.

The governing body of St. Mary's is also facing change at the moment, we are in the process of appointing Parent and Staff governors to the governing body. It is both an exciting time, as we look forward to seeing who would like to join the governing body, and an anxious time as we wonder, what happens if no one applies?

Being part of the governing body, is a great way of supporting the school and local community, but for some it might take courage to apply, you might wonder if you have the right skills or gifts, but if you are passionate about seeing the young people that attend the school get the very best education and experience that we can offer, then training and other skills can come later 😊 We all sometimes need to just take a step of faith, and be courageous.

When I am feeling worried about making a change or facing something new, I remember what God said to Joshua as he was about to enter the promised land 'Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.'

Let's be courageous together as we look to the future.

God Bless

Revd Heather

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CELEBRATING LEARNING

*Congratulations to our
Stars of the Week:*

Week ending 17th September

3Athens – Sophia M

3Rome – Izak A

4Merida – Lilly-Mae B

4New Orleans – Baran K

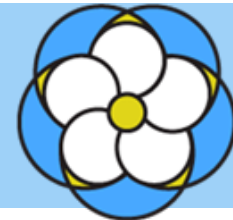
5Beijing – Stanley McC

5Mumbai – Alexa S-I

6Casablanca – Mia F

6Cape Town – Oliver T

***If you wish to apply for the post of Parent
Governor, please return your nomination
papers by Monday 27th September***



LEARNING AND CURRICULUM NEWS

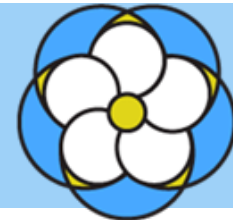
Autumn Term Curriculum Calendar

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>
6 th Sept	Courage	History and Geography	<u>We are Humanitarians and World Explorers</u> Links to class names and embracing diversity – teaching others about your city and country
13 th Sept 20 th Sept 27 th Sept		History and Geography	<u>We are Humanitarians:</u> Sharing learning journeys so far (within year groups). Discussions/debate – what is progress? How can I see progress in my own learning?
4 th Oct 11 th Oct		Science	<u>We are Scientists:</u> On earth and beyond Creating a science fair of extraordinary experiments
18 th Oct (half term homework project) 1 st November		Reading	<u>We are Storytellers:</u> Using a variety of traditional storytelling methods to present to the rest of the school
8 th Nov 15 th Nov	Resilience	History and Geography	<u>We are Humanitarians:</u> Virtual game shows and online quizzes
22 nd Nov 29 th Nov		Science	<u>We are Scientists:</u> A journey of crucial discoveries (display boards)
6 th Dec 13 th Dec		Religious Education and Music	<u>We are Humanitarians:</u> Is Christmas celebrated around the world? How is it the same/different? If not, then what? Embracing diversity.

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

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Parking outside School

When dropping off or collecting your child from school, please do not park directly outside the school gates. There have been a number of incidents recently where parents have waited in cars outside to collect pupils - this causes congestion for other road users and is hazardous for those children crossing the road to enter those vehicles.

Parking is available in lay-bys and at the Long Stratton Leisure Centre should you need it.



Packed Lunches – Nut Products

We currently have a number of children in the school with nut allergies, please ensure any items being sent in for packed lunch are completely nut-free. **This includes Nutella chocolate spread.**



Head Lice

Please continue to check your child's hair regularly and treat head lice where necessary. Thank you



Photo Proofs

Your child should have brought home with them this week the photograph proofs of their recent individual and sibling photos. Please order online direct with AJS Photography as detailed on the proofs.

After School Sports Club

We still have a few places left for the following after school sports clubs which run from 3.30pm until 4.30pm. All clubs and are priced at £4.50 per session. If your child is entitled to pupil premium funds, please speak to the office because we can offer a reduction on this price. If your child would like to attend, please contact the school office where we will allocate places on a first come, first served basis.



Sports clubs available are as follows:

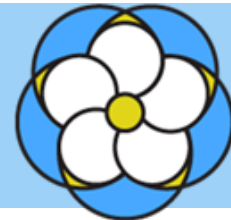
Tuesday - Quidditch

Thursday - Tennis

Friday - Cheerleading (Year 3/4) *limited spaces available*

We hope to be able to provide Multi-Sports for Years 3&4 on a Monday after half term.

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Flu Immunisations

Once again, flu nasal sprays are being offered to all year groups this year. The team will be in school to carry out the immunisations on Friday 5th November. Please see the attached letter for more information. If you would like your child to have the nasal spray, then you will need to complete the attached consent form and return it to the office by **21st October**.

Please note, this year the team can offer an alternative vaccination to any parent who does not want their child to have the nasal spray because of the porcine content. If you need a separate consent form for this purpose, please ask at the office.

Upcoming Events at St Mary's Church

Come and Join us for ...



This Saturday, 25th September

9am in St. Mary's Church, Long Stratton

Come and enjoy breakfast together

Getting messy together

And worshipping together

Messy Church meets on the last Saturday of every month

9am in St. Mary's Church

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY, IT IS FOR EVERYONE

7:30PM FRIDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2021
ST MARY'S CHURCH, LONG STRATTON

A EVENING OF MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT

WITH

LAST, WILL & TESTAMENT

FEATURING MUSIC BY: DIRE STRAITS,
THE BEATLES, DAVE NACHMANOFF, SANDY DENNY, MARY BLACK,
JAMES TAYLOR, HOOVERPHONIC, THE JAYHAWKS AND AL STEWART

Tickets: £6 including light
refreshment

All proceeds to St Mary's Church

Harvest Flower Festival

St. Mary's Church
Long Stratton



Saturday 2nd October - Tuesday 5th October

11.00 - 4.00pm daily

(12.30 - 4.00pm on Sunday)

Come and enjoy our Harvest Displays

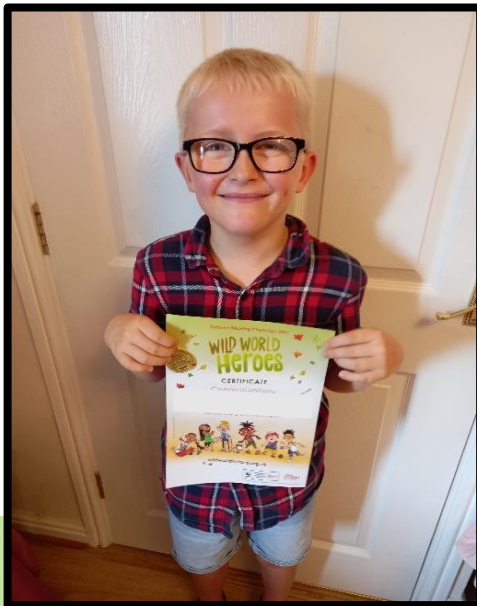
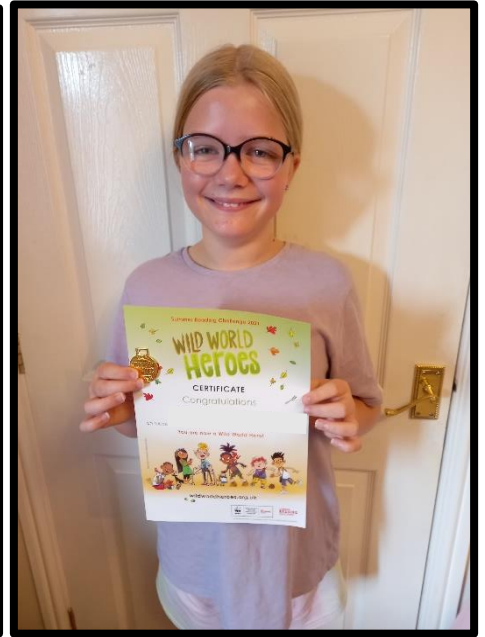
Refreshments available all day

FREE ENTRY - Donations welcomed

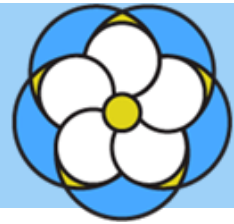


Summer Reading Challenge

Just some of the pupils who have completed their Summer Reading Challenge this year. Well done to all of you who took part.



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2020 – 2021 CHARITABLE FUNDRAISING...

Jeans for Genes Day – 17th Sept

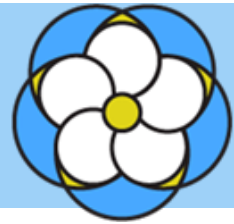
Together, we have raised a fantastic **£109** for this great cause!
Thank you for your support.



Charitable Fundraising

As you may have noticed, all classes have changed their class names this year to global cities to reflect the global struggles experienced during the recent pandemic. We also recognise that lack of fundraising opportunities has had an adverse effect on many charities, so all year groups have chosen to support local charities for the forthcoming academic year, details of which are listed below.

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 		



Charity in the Spotlight

This year, Year 6 are fundraising for

Finnbar's Force, a local charity whose aim is to raise awareness of brain tumours and support families of children with this diagnosis.

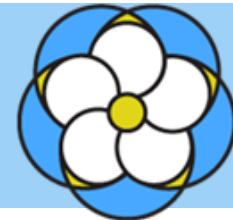
Finnbars Force was set up in 2017 by Norfolk couple, Claire and Tristan Cork, following the sad passing of their son Finnbar, in August 2016. Although devastated by this event, they displayed enormous courage and chose to use their experience to try to offer support to other families experiencing the pain of childhood brain tumours.

Had Finnbar survived, he would have been the same age as our Year 6 children.

You can find out more about the charity and Finnbar at <http://www.finnbarsforce.co.uk/>



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CHRISTIAN DISTINCTIVENESS



This half-term we are celebrating 'COURAGE'

We accept and look forward to a challenge, taking risks, reflecting on learning and moving forward positively.

Songs for 'Courage':

(click on the link below for quick access)

[Look Up Child, Lauren Daigle](#)

[Under The Rock, Mwamba Children's Choir](#)

[You Say, Lauren Daigle \(using sign language\)](#)

[I Will Fear No More, The Afters](#)

[Raise a Hallelujah, Bethel Music](#)

[No Longer Slaves to Fear, Bethel Music](#)



Be strong
AND COURAGEOUS
FOR I AM WITH YOU
Joshua 1:9

For God
HAS
NOT GIVEN US A
spirit of fear,
BUT OF
POWER
AND OF *love*
AND OF
a sound mind.

2 TIMOTHY 1:7

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