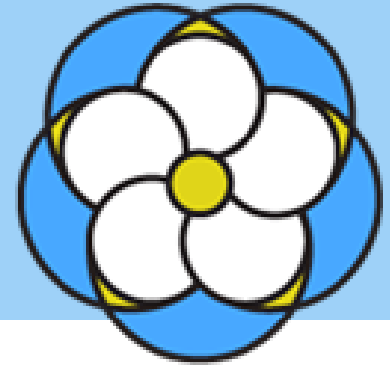


St Mary's Church of England Junior Academy

Newsletter 4 – 5th November 2021



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term at St Mary's Junior Academy.

My name is Mrs Hanger and I have been asked by the Academy to offer some support as an Interim Head Teacher until Ms Cranmer returns. I am sure that everyone shares with us our continuing good wishes and positive thoughts for Ms Cranmer as we all miss her very much.

The children have made a good start to their learning and have been active in celebrating their love of reading for the end of their "Storytelling" topic. We are looking forward to the presentations that they have been working on this week.

Over the coming week we will be embedding some clearer behaviour strategies to focus on positive learning behaviour which should help everyone with their school experiences.

We would like to encourage everyone to take care on these dark nights and mornings as the winter season approaches and make sure that the children are visible using reflective strips on coats and bags where possible. It is also important that every child has a suitable warm coat for being outside as we only keep them in if the weather is extreme and we want them to be snug and cosy during their playtimes. We also intend to continue with outside PE as much as possible so encourage a warm track suit and trainers for their PE days.

I hope to be able to meet some of you over the next few days.

L. Hanger

Mrs L Hanger
Interim Head Teacher

CELEBRATING LEARNING

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week:

Week ending 15th October

3Athens – Joshua K

3Rome – Scarlett J-B

4Merida – Josh T

4New Orleans – Max H

5Beijing – Harriet H

5Mumbai – Jack B

6Cape Town – Isabella W

6Casablanca – Teddy B

and, for the week ending 21st October

3Athens – Lily F

3Rome – Billie M

4Merida – Faye L

4New Orleans – Arran McK

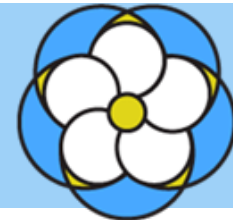
5Beijing – Bella D

5Mumbai – Luka W

6Cape Town – Sophie R

6Casablanca – Matilda B

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LEARNING AND CURRICULUM NEWS

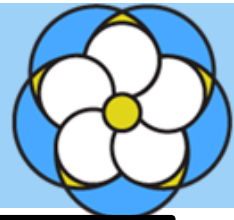
Autumn Term Curriculum Calendar

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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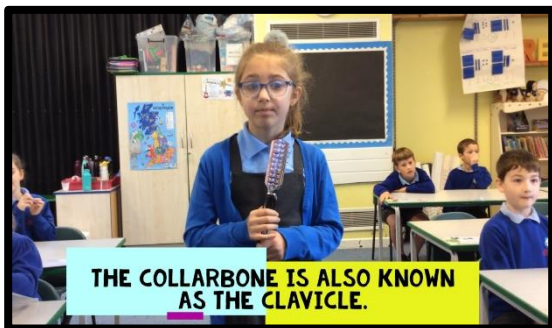
Class Learning Blog – 3 Athens

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

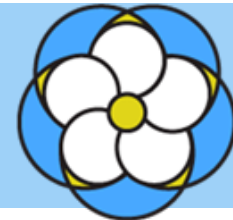
We have had a fantastic start to the new half term in 3Athens. It has been great to see the children returning with eagerness to learn and enthusiasm to work more on our topic on storytelling. We have been looking at the French short film 'Le Petite Cordonnier' and learning about the art of storytelling through different mediums such as puppet shows. In the photo you can see the children's sock puppets they created to get ready to re-tell the story through a puppet show performance.



During the last week of Autumn term 1, Athens class learnt about skeletons, muscles and nutrition. We labelled skeletons with their common and scientific names, sorted bones into their different functions, learned about how bones and muscles work together, how skeletons vary between animals and looked at nutrition and where it comes from. In the photos you can see a selection of the children's work and screenshots from our end of unit showcase 'The 3Athens Science Show!'.



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Behaviour Before and After School

There have recently been a number of incidents reported to staff regarding behaviour at the beginning and the end of the school day. Whilst we always endeavour to solve such incidents to everybody's satisfaction, we must advise that the responsibility for any incidents outside of the blue fence line remains that of parents and caregivers. We politely request that all families support their children in behaving appropriately at these times in order that all pupils can have a calm start and end to their school day.

Parent Consultation Meetings

We will be holding Parent Consultation Meetings on Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th November from 3.30pm until 6.30pm. These meetings will be held virtually on Google Classroom. Please check in advance that you can get onto Google Classroom using your child's login details. Please contact the class teacher if you do not know this information. We would like your child to attend the meeting with you, where possible. If two parents require separate appointments, please could you email the office to let Mrs Drake know as soon as possible.

You can book a 10 minute slot on Parentmail from early next week.

Children in Need Merchandise

We will shortly have items for sale to support Children in Need as shown below:



Pudsey & Blush Headbands - £2.50

Wristbands in Green, Pink & Orange £1.00



Wristbands in Yellow £1.00

To purchase these items, please go to Parentmail under Payments – Shop. You can then order the items and these will be delivered to your child's class at some point during the week. Thank you for your donations.

Children in Need – Non-school Uniform Day

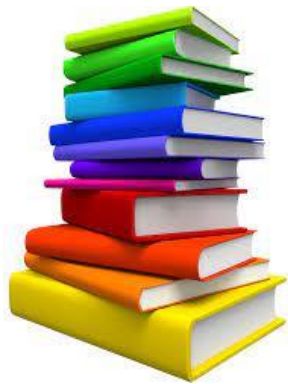
This year we will be fundraising for Children in Need on **Wednesday 17th November** (because this is the only day when pupils do not come in PE Kit). Pupils can come to school in non-school uniform and wear something spotty if they have it. All donations go to Children in Need. Please can your donations be put on Parentmail in the usual way when this is available.

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Harvest Donations

Thank you so much for your generous donations to the Harvest trolley. We are arranging to drop these off to the Long Stratton foodbank where they will be enjoyed by local families. A big thank you to our Christian Values ambassadors too for decorating the trolley so beautifully.



Storytelling Day/Dress in your PJs

Thank you so much for your donations of books for our library. We also managed to raise £71 which we will use to buy some new books for the school.

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SAFEGUARDING



FIREWORKS SAFETY TIPS

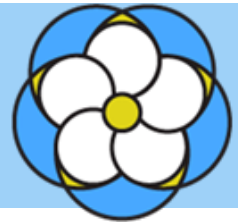
**HERE ARE FIVE TOP TIPS TO KEEPING
CHILDREN SAFE ON BONFIRE NIGHT**

- 1** Do not let children play with fireworks. Rockets and sparklers are very dangerous. If your teens want to use sparklers, make sure they keep them outside and away from their face, clothing, and hair
- 2** If you can, go to an organised fireworks display. If you do your own display make sure you have read all the safety instructions and never let children handle or light fireworks
- 3** Store fireworks in a safe, sturdy and childproof box and keep it away from children at all times. Fireworks always need handling with extreme care
- 4** Always ensure children are supervised at all times. Never let a child pick up a used sparkler or unlit firework.
- 5** Make sure children aren't wearing loose clothing. Always have water or a fire extinguisher handy

[www.merseyfire.gov.uk/safety-advice/community-safety/
firework-and-sparkler-safety/](http://www.merseyfire.gov.uk/safety-advice/community-safety/firework-and-sparkler-safety/)

100 Days of Safeguarding
Wirral Safeguarding Children Partnership

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2020 – 2021 CHARITABLE FUNDRAISING...

Charity in the Spotlight

This year, Year 4 are fundraising for Norfolk & Waveney Mind...

Norfolk and Waveney Mind, are your local Mind mental health charity offering an extensive range of mental health services, along with associated training, advice and information.

They offer a wide range of services including 1:1 talking therapies, gardening projects, access to employment services, mental health training and education for businesses, schools and individuals, residential care and support programmes.

They also work in our communities to raise awareness and challenge stigma and discrimination. Our services support young people aged 14-25, adults and carers affected by mental ill health.

Being local, they understand our community and tailor their services in response to what people need most. Being part of the Mind network means they benefit from shared support, knowledge and ideas. Nationally, Mind gives advice and support to anyone who needs it, campaigns to improve services and raise awareness. They work in partnership with Mind nationally and the other local Minds in their network to deliver high quality services to anyone who needs them.




You can find out more at <https://www.norfolkandwaveneymind.org.uk>



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Charitable Fundraising

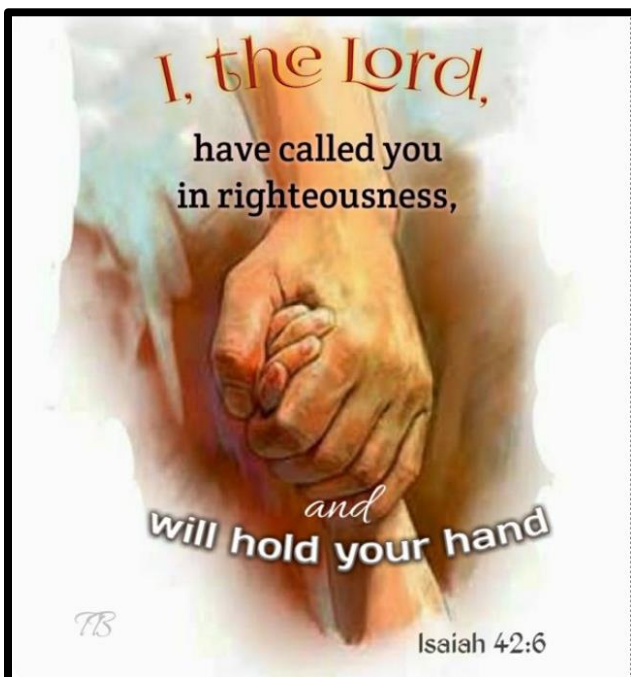
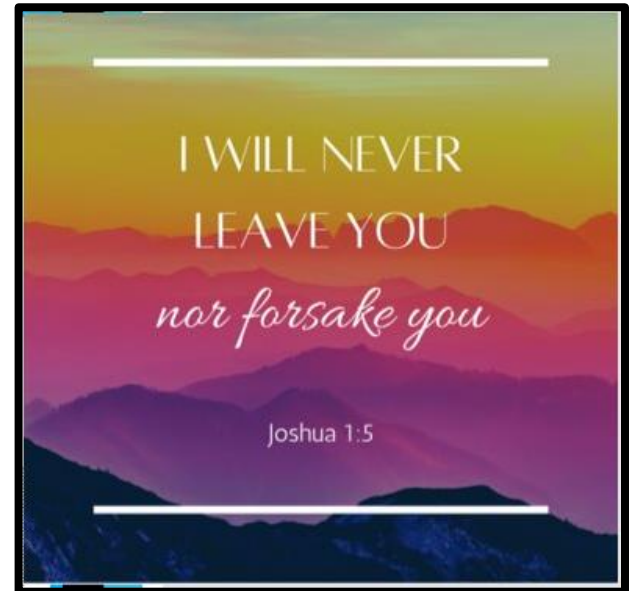
2021-2022 Class Charities <i>(Please be advised that we continue to support additional charities such as comic/sports relief, children in need, jeans 4 genes etc)</i>			
LKS2 Class Name	Linked Charity	UKS2 Class Name	Linked Charity
3 Athens	The Hamlet 	5 Beijing	Nelson's Journey 
3 Rome		5 Mumbai	
4 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		



CHRISTIAN DISTINCTIVENESS

This half-term we are celebrating 'RESILIENCE'

We embrace challenges, feedback and set-backs in a positive manner - 'bounce-back-ability'.



Songs for RESILIENCE:

(click link below)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sbszEOO_K5w (Echo – Elevation)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MgkNB4g3gYM> (Rescue – Lauren Daigle)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7nqg8agRmy4> (Don't Give Up – Shawn McDonald)

[Look Up Child, Lauren Daigle](#)



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