

# St Mary's Newsletter

Autumn Term – Friday 5th November 2021

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Attendance Weekly - 97.3%

Attendance Year - 96.7%

*Let Your Light Shine... as You Grow Matthew 5: 15-16*

**Friendship**  
**Trust**

**Truthfulness**  
**Compassion**

**Perseverance**  
**Respect**

Dear parents, carers and friends of the school,

## Light Day

We had a fantastic day for Light Day on our first day back after half term. The children looked amazing in their brightly coloured clothing and enjoyed spending the day learning about light festivals from different religions and from around the world. Reception learnt about Jesus as the light of the world, Year 1 created a very impressive Chinese dragon for Chinese New Year, Year 2

learnt about the Jewish festival of Hannukah, Year 3 created rangoli patterns to celebrate the Hindu celebration of Diwali, Year 4 looked at the Sikh version of Diwali, Year 5 shared a very informative presentation about the French Fête des Lumières and Year 6 created lotus flowers to celebrate the Buddhist festival of Wesak. It was



brilliant to have all the children together in the afternoon for a special Collective Worship where they could share with the other years what they had been learning and creating throughout the day. *Article by Miss Allin (RE and Worship Leader)*

## Coats, hats, scarves and gloves:



Just a quick reminder... please can parents ensure their children come to school with their coats, as well as scarves, gloves and hats, if they own them. The weather has noticeably taken a turn for the worse in the last week and it is obviously really important that the children are wrapped up warmly at breaktimes and lunchtimes! Please also note that winter uniforms should be worn, therefore no shorts or summer dresses. Can we also ask that all garments are clearly labelled with the child's full name (and if possible the child's class) so that if found they can be returned to the correct pupil!

Thank you for your support in this matter!



### **New St. Mary's Mile Trim Trail**

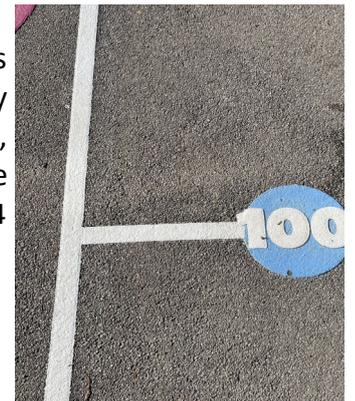
The children are absolutely loving the new St Mary's Mile trim trail which was installed around the edge of the playground over the half term break.

We are now using this fantastic trim trail every morning to improve our fitness and get our brains and bodies going, ready for the day. The children have really loved following the markings on the trail where they're prompted to run, hop, jump, skip, stretch and sprint their way around the playground. 14 laps is a mile and many of the children are working much harder now to complete those 14 laps in the time given!

Warm regards

*Mr C. D. Jarmain*

*Headteacher at St Mary's*





## PTA Sponsored Event: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November

We are delighted to announce a St Mary's READATHON. We'll be creating a cosy corner in the hall, ready for all the children to contribute to 7-hours of non-stop reading!

This is a fundraiser, so please share the link and let friends and family sponsor your child/ ren to complete this challenge:

<https://gofund.me/f83fdd94>

All proceeds raised will go towards some festive treats; a return of the Christmas Panto, the huge Christmas tree and of course, the Christmas crackers to go with Christmas lunch.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and as always if you can spare some time or have ideas for future PTA events, we'd love to hear from you on [pta@st-maryscofe.essex.sch.uk](mailto:pta@st-maryscofe.essex.sch.uk)

Best wishes,

Ruth and Gemma

On behalf of St Mary's PTA Events and Fundraising Team

## Spangles Family Hub

We would like to encourage you to follow Spangles Family Hub – Uttlesford District on Facebook.

It is the page for the Children's Centre locally and has a wealth of information on the site.

Virgin Care and Barnados, on behalf of Essex CC and the NHS, provide a range of child and family services throughout Essex that are free at the point of deliver.

Health visiting and School Nursing falls under this service.

Essex Child and Family Service also have a duty practitioner available between 9 – 5 Monday – Friday who can offer support and guidance around a wide range of topics.

The number to call is 0300 247 0122 option 1.



# St Mary's STEM— Wednesday 3rd November—Engineering Day

To celebrate **Engineering Day** Butterfly class joined a live session with children from other schools around the country finding out about a project with the **'3engineers'**

The 3engineers, Nick, Jon and Matt were talking about what engineers do and about how they look at ways to support sustainability. They discussed how engineers are looking at ways to protect the planet.

The 3engineers told us about different renewable energy inventions including a tidal turbine and the barge called the Interceptor which collects waste and stops it going out to sea and the waste is then recycled.

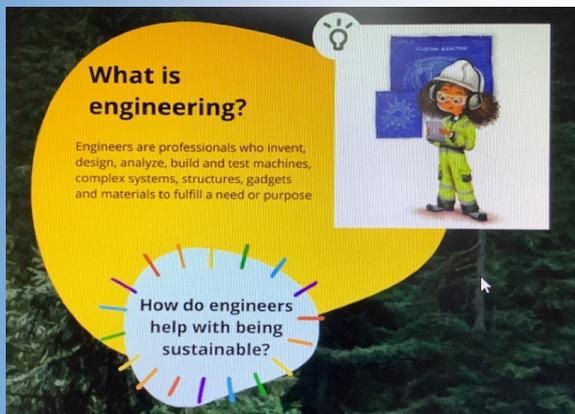
Electric cars do not have exhaust fumes so don't pollute the air.

The 3engineers project new project is that they have written a set of fun rhyming books for children of all ages **'The Adventures of Scout'** to encourage us all to take action.

They read their first book **'The Adventures of Scout—Stop dropping litter!'**. Butterfly class found out about all the rubbish that can now be found on beaches and out at sea.

Scout visits the beach, and helps some sea creatures who are trapped by rubbish, and sees how the plastic rubbish and waste is hurting them, so she collects the rubbish. Scout tells people to 'stop dropping litter!' It harms animals and makes it way into the oceans. We learnt how we can all **take action** and how boys and girls can study to work in engineering - applying their maths and science skills in the world and helping the environment. But now we can help recycle, pick up rubbish and let others know.

Butterfly class were really inspired by Scout and we will look at what action we can take as individuals, as a class and as a school, such as litter picking and recycling carefully. *Mrs C Jeewan, Science Lead*



# Diary Dates



<b>Tue 2nd November</b>	-	<b>Light Festival - wear bright coloured clothes</b>
Tue 2nd November	-	Parent Consultations from 3.30pm to 6.30pm
Thu 4th November	-	Parent Consultations from 3.30pm to 6.30pm
Thu 11th November	-	Remembrance Service
<b>Fri 12th November</b>	-	<b>PTA Readathon</b>
Fri 12th November	-	Children In Need Day
Wed 17th November	-	Open Morning (New Reception 2022 intake)
Tue 30th November	-	KS1 Film Night (PTA Event)
<b>Thu 2nd December</b>	-	<b>Y5 Natural History Museum</b>
Fri 3rd December	-	KS2 Disco (PTA Event)
<b>Sat 4th December</b>	-	<b>Spirit of Christmas @ St. Mary's Church</b>
<b>Mon 6th December</b>	-	<b>Y6 Harry Potter World</b>
Wed 8th December	-	Jack & the Beanstalk Pantomime
Fri 10th December	-	Christmas Jumper Day
Mon 13th December (TBC)	-	Christmas Lunch
Wed 15th December	-	Nativity in the church - 6pm
Thu 16th December	-	Carol Service in the Church - 2pm
Fri 17th December	-	End of Term - school finishes at 1.30pm
Mon 20th Dec - 3rd Jan	-	Christmas Holidays
Tue 4th January 2022	-	INSET Non Pupil Day



## Royal British Legion - Poppy Appeal

Next week our Year 6 pupils will be selling poppies and other goodies on behalf of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal for the suggested donation amounts below:

**Zip Pull - 50p, Reflector - 50p, Wristband - £1, Snap band - £1.50**