

St Mary's Newsletter

Summer Term – Friday 9th July 2021

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Attendance Weekly - 97.5%

Attendance Year - 97.8%

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

Dear parents, carers and friends of the school,

Head's Lines



It has been, once again, a fun-packed and eventful week at school, with Spirit of the Wild visiting the school on Thursday to show off a wide array of magnificent creatures to our Key Stage 2 pupils (following their visit to the Reception and Key Stage 1 pupils earlier in the year). It has also been so lovely to hear the positive feedback from pupils, as well as parents and carers and friends of the school, telling us how much their children enjoyed the day! Please do have a look at the Key Stage 2 Class Pages later on in this newsletter to see a small sample of the Spirit of the Wild photographs that

were taken with each class, some showing some of our pupils being incredibly courageous as they bravely held some quite awe-inspiring creatures! Soon, a wider number of photographs will be added to the school website and you can enjoy them for yourselves. Ben and Hannah (from Spirit of the Wild) were incredibly complimentary about the children's behaviour and how polite and engaged they were.

Yesterday, we also had a special photographer in to take some new (and rather wonderful) pictures for the school (some of which will soon be added to the school website). We very much look forwards to sharing some of these photographs with the school community – they really do capture the school and our lovely pupils brilliantly.

England versus Italy Euro Final:

As you will all no doubt be aware, the England men's football team have made it to the European Football Finals for the first time ever! Furthermore, this is also the first time that England have made it to a major football international tournament final since 1966 (which is 55 years!).



In light of this incredibly rare event, and due to the fact that those children who choose to watch it (or are allowed to watch it!) are likely to have a rather late night on Sunday watching the match, I have made the decision to allow the children to come to school as late as 9.30am on Monday morning (which means that they can stay in bed a little later than normal to catch up on some sleep) as we don't want lots of tired and grumpy children, who are struggling to concentrate and learn. Catons Lane gate will close at 8.45am, any child arriving after this time must come to school via the Castle Street entrance.

Sports Day!



In light of the fact that the weather is due to be incredibly poor (with high predictions of heavy showers across both Monday and Tuesday next week), we are therefore going to move our Key stage 1 and Key stage 2 Sports Days to **Thursday** next week.

- ◆ The **Reception and Key Stage 1 Sports Day** will be during **Thursday morning**;
- ◆ The **Key Stage 2 Sports Day** will be on **Thursday afternoon**.

As you will be aware, we are currently unable to invite our lovely parents/carers and friends of the school into St Mary's to watch and enjoy these Sports Days (due to infection control). However, please could I ask parents/carers to ensure that the children are **dressed in their house colours** and also that they have a **water bottle** (with the child's name and class) as well as applying **sun cream** to their child/ren as protection against skin damage caused by the sun.

We are going to have a lot of fun - with loads of music and decorations (posters, flags and house colours) and every class will provide something to make both days as colourful as possible. The winning house for both events will also receive the prestigious House Trophy and there will be lots of certificates for pupils displaying any of our 6 values and general sportspersonship.

Throughout both events we will be taking lots of photos and some videos which we are intending to share with everyone after this event.



Have a lovely weekend and do enjoy the Euro Final (if you decide to watch it!).

Mr C. D. Jarman

Headteacher at St Mary's



Stars of the Week



R - Millie who is always so helpful in class and has been producing such wonderful work. Well done Millie, you are a super star!!!



Y1 - Cali-Mae for massive improvement in phonics and reading
Alfie-Michael for becoming a much more independent learner
Blake for impressive homework

Well done to all of these wonderful pupils whose light is well and truly shining!



Y2 - Toby for huge effort and great progress, **Rebecca** for awesome maths



Y3 - Anna-Leigh for excellent effort in her reading and writing.



Y4 - Amelia - for a superb PowerPoint presentation

Freya - for settling in well at St Mary's

Tommy- working hard in all subjects

Genevieve - for settling in well at St Mary's



Y5 - Ruby - for trying really hard to improve her presentation and handwriting!



Morris - for his lovely vocabulary and much more accurate grammar in his writing!

Reception Class Update



Well done Butterflies for another super week. As part of our topic **Ready, Steady GROW!** The children have looked in detail at the traditional story of **Jack and the Beanstalk**. The children acted out the story and then retold the story in their own words.



Butterflies have been observing their **sunflowers** as they grow and measuring which were the largest and the smallest. They are looking forward to seeing their sunflowers appear. We have studied the numerous sunflower paintings by artist **Vincent Van Gogh** and the children used a range of art materials to create their own sunflower pictures...



During **maths investigations** the children were measuring items in the playground and they decided to measure the playground combining their measuring items



Our **Star of the Week** is **Millie** who is always so helpful in class and has been producing such wonderful work. Well done Millie, you are a super star!!!

Mrs Jeewan and the EYFS team



Ladybirds

Year 1 Update

This week we have continued our adventure in outer space, leaping through the solar system and learning about the planets. In Science we focussed on constellations, drawing our own in chalk and glow in the dark pens and making them out of play dough and spaghetti! We have been using time vocabulary in maths and learning the days of the week. In English, we are finishing our work on the Man on the Moon, making our own persuasive posters to attract more tourists to the Moon.



Miss Nicholson and Mrs Potter & Year 1 Team

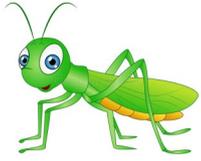


Year 2 Update

Lots of preparation this week! We have filmed our assembly for you all to watch at home and tried out different activities for Sports Day next week. Science lessons have been great fun as we have made observations of our sunflower plants and measured how much they have grown and changed. In Art we made these wonderful whirly gigs which show how colours change when they are spun and mixed. We have enjoyed using the Chromebooks and iPads and are becoming much more confident logging in and navigating our way around. The photographer has taken some excellent photos of us all, so be sure to look out for us on the new website soon! Our time telling is improving and any practice at home telling the time to quarter past and quarter to would help hugely.

Mrs Robinson and Mrs McInnes & Year 2 Team





Year 3 Update

Year 3 have worked really hard in English this week and produced some fantastic poems based on 'The Magic Box'. They used some excellent descriptive language and a whole range of favourite things were placed into the children's boxes.

In PE this week, the children started to learn the rules of a rounders game. They were enthusiastic and worked well within the teams, thinking carefully about who they needed to pass the ball to when fielding. There were some brilliant hits with great rounders too!

On Thursday, we were lucky enough to have Spirit of the Wild visit to share a whole range of animals with the children. The children listened carefully to the facts about each animal and handled them brilliantly. They help everything from a golden eagle, to a skunk to a snake!

Miss Allin & Year 3 Team



Fireflies,

Another week has flown by!

Year 4 Update

This week in Maths, we have looked at Roman numerals. We have started by learning the important numerals we need to know and have developed our understanding to help read numbers up to 100 and even years!

In our RE, we have continued to look at Judaism. We have learnt about the Seder meal this week and the importance each food has on the plate. The pupils enjoyed learning about the different foods that are eaten and their significance.

Also, this week, we were fortunate to have 'Spirit of the Wild' in at the school. The pupils saw lots of different animals that originate from across the world. Some examples of the animals the pupils saw were Snakes, meerkats, tortoises and even an eagle! Some of the children went out of their comfort zones to touch these animals even though they may have been frightened, so well done!!!

Finally, we hope you enjoy our assembly- the children put lots of effort into each section!

Have a great weekend.

Mr Brown & Year 4 Team





Year 5 Update

Year 5 had a wonderful time this week with Spirit of the Wild, who brought in a plethora of animals for the children to learn about! They saw an eagle, a skunk, a huge snake and even some creepy crawlies!

Bees have also been practising hard on their songs for the production - which will be being performed to the whole school next week (the cinema release to follow!).

Mr Clarke & Year 5 Team



Year 6 Update

Another busy week Y6; only one full week left at St Mary's! You have worked so hard this week on perfecting our production and it is looking amazing. I can't wait for the rest of the school to see it and to share it with your parents and carers next week when the video is shared. Please make sure all your costumes are here on Monday (12th).

We had our last IHeart session this week and hopefully the children will take away ways to look after their own well-being as they transition into secondary school. We also had a visitor from The Children's Society who worked with the class discussing peer relationships and how to deal with the changes in friendships as they grow older.

We had Spirit of the Wild in on Thursday. The children got to interact with a wide range of animals, including: a meercat, an eagle, an owl, a skunk, a snake, spiders, a chameleon and cockroaches.

Star of the Week: the whole class for their exemplary behaviour, effort and generally being a joy to be with on the residential

Mr Pike & Year 6 Team



Diary Dates



Mon 12th July	- Year 5 & 6 SuperStan Performance
Thu 15th July	- KS1 & KS2 Sports Day (am and pm) (moved from 13/7)
Tue 13th July	- Year 5 & 6 SuperStan Performance (Recording will be sent to parents)
Wed 14th July	- Dinosaur Workshop - Whole School
Wed 14th July	- Meet the Teacher (Remote) - Year 1 (3.30pm) and Year 2 (4pm)
Thu 15th July	- Meet the Teacher (Remote) - Year 3 (3.30pm) and Year 4 (4pm)
Fri 16th July	- Meet the Teachers (Remote) - Year 5 (3.30pm) and Year 6 (4pm)
Fri 16th July	- Move-Up Day with new classes and class teachers
Wed 21st July	- Year 6 Leavers Event (specific arrangements TBC next week)
Wed 21st July	- Last Day of Term - Finish at 1.30pm - Non Uniform Bring £1
Wed 1st Sept	- INSET - Non Pupil Day
Thu 2nd Sept	- First Day of Autumn Term

Essex ActivAte – Holiday Activity and Food Programme



Essex County Council, in partnership with Active Essex are pleased to provide Essex ActivAte holiday clubs this summer that are free for low income families who are eligible for benefits based free school meals and for working families who are struggling financially and who would benefit from this holiday support. Every club offers fun physical activity, a range of enrichment activities and every child attending will get a nutritious meal. The offer also includes specialist SEND provision and mental wellbeing hubs across the county.

Details and booking links for all of our sessions can be found via [Essex ActivAte - Summer 2021](#)

Go Wild in Essex Libraries This Summer

Wild World Heroes Summer Reading Challenge 2021 launches in all Essex libraries on Saturday 10 July and runs until Tuesday 31 August 2021. Children of all ages can sign up; the challenge is to read six books and for every book read they'll collect a sticker. Children who complete the activity will also earn a medal and certificate. As well as being great fun, it can help to prevent a reading dip over the long summer break.

