

# St Mary's Newsletter

Autumn Term – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020

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## Attendance

Weekly – 98.8%

Year to date – 98%

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

Friendship

Truthfulness

Perseverance

Trust

Compassion

Respect

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Messages from the Headteacher:

Good afternoon parents and carers,

I can barely believe that we are heading into our 11th week of this term!

Once again, we have had a busy and productive week and as you will see from our newsletter this week the children continue to make excellent progress, whilst being fully engaged in our creative curriculum. I am also incredibly proud of how well our children continue to display their good manners and highest standards of behaviour.

On Wednesday, the school took some time to focus on Remembrance. Throughout the day, the children took part in their own daily worship sessions in class, with a specially made assembly video about Remembrance Day; each class even filmed their own Remembrance videos which will be shared with parents and carers over the next week.

I must tell you that I was incredibly proud of how well all of the children respected the minutes silence that was observed at 11am on Wednesday and there was some extremely emotive renditions of the Laurence Binyon's *For the Fallen* poem, which was read by a variety of our pupils.

### Virtual Open Day:

Just a reminder that next Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November we will be sharing our Open Day video, which we have specially produced for prospective Reception parents of St. Mary's. This video will be uploaded at 10.30am on our website, on that day. Please do take a look.

*Mr C. D. Jarman*

Headteacher at St Mary's

## Wellbeing, E-safety and Pastoral Care:

### Odd Socks / Anti-Bullying Week, by Hayley Bloxham, Welfare & Support Officer



Get your odd socks at the ready...as we will be taking part in Odd Socks Day on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November** to mark the first day of Anti-Bullying Week!! The theme of anti-bullying week this year is: United Against Bullying and we are inviting children to come to school wearing odd socks on **Monday 16th November** if they wish to take part. It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

#### **Parent and Carer Consultation sessions:**

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Parent/ Carer Consultation over the last couple of weeks. I am pleased to say that they went really well and we hope that they have proved to be useful during this challenging time.

#### **Remote Learning Online Survey:**

We have a few more surveys completed now, if you haven't managed to complete the survey please do just click on the link there are only 8 questions so it is very quick to fill in.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=rk4Wt-wmmEy\\_vGdsh5b2nnTRX5eaKFZOrfe9kU2WJpJUNjVVUjEzUk9Znk5TTUpXOEJXRE1YVzJYVC4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=rk4Wt-wmmEy_vGdsh5b2nnTRX5eaKFZOrfe9kU2WJpJUNjVVUjEzUk9Znk5TTUpXOEJXRE1YVzJYVC4u)

Thank you if you have been able to complete this survey – your feedback is very much appreciated!

#### **PTA 7 Marathons Event – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November:**

Please send your child into school wearing **bright sportswear**, and as much sponsorship money as you can (£1 minimum) on **Tuesday 17th November** for the St Mary's 7 Marathons event.

St Mary's now have a **JustGiving** web page for the sponsored 7 Marathons event, that all the children are taking part in, so you can either bring cash on the day, or even better donate online.

Click here for the link...<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/friends-ofstmaryscofeprimaryschool>

This is a PTA fundraiser for the school, so all sponsorship money raised goes straight back into our school, and of course a bit of fun for the kids.

#### **School Uniform Donations:**

Thank you so much to everyone who has donated school uniform, shoes, trainers, PE kit and much more. We have been inundated with bags and bags of donations, so are no longer taking donations at this time.

#### **KS2 School Dinners:**

If your child has school dinners, please ensure your School Money account is topped up regularly. We would recommend that the account is topped up in advance, so it doesn't go into arrears. Once an account goes into arrears, children will need to bring in a packed lunch until the account is cleared. Thank you.

# Some of our Shining lights!



**Year 3 – Amazing Gymnastics**  
In PE this week, the children created some fantastic asymmetrical balances. Check out some of their balances!



Reception	<p>Well done Butterflies. The children have had another busy week. 'Whatever next!' by Jill Murphy has been our key story. We read the story together using the visualiser looks for sounds and segmenting and blending them together. We also looked for our tricky words 'the', 'and' and 'said'. Ask them to print them out in their books if they can. The children were able to act out and discuss the story together, write some initial sounds for a list of items to take for a picnic to the moon and sequenced the story. The children have also looked at one more and are still working on recognising numbers. In RE they learnt about the Hindu light festival Diwali, and rangoli patterns. The children independently created and decorated their own Dipa bowls out of clay and will bring them home when they are dry - they will be able to put candles in them.</p> <p>Well done to all the children who are getting their reading reward stickers, it is making a real difference so thank you parents too! Mrs Jeewan</p>
Year 1	<p>This week Year 1 have been continuing to work on their topic 'A Toy's Story', learning more about the toys that they play with now, compared to the toys their parents and grandparents might have played with. In English, we have been playing traditional games and writing instructions on how to play them. In Science, we are learning about the properties of everyday materials and thinking why different toys are made of different materials. Friday we will all be raising money for Children in Need and coming to school in our onesies! This weeks shining light for settling in to school and following rules Kai.</p>
Year 2	<p>This week the children have been getting creative designing their own Christmas decoration which we will make in the forthcoming weeks. We hope sewing will be lots of fun! There has been a great deal of hard work learning sounds for the Phonics Screening and just the most AMAZING fable writing. We are incredibly proud of their results. See if your child can retell you the fable of the Frog and the Scorpion. Do they remember the lesson of the tale? Do you agree?</p>
Year 3	<p>This week, Year 3 have finalised their amulet designs and laid out their plans ready to create their amulets next week. They have come up with some beautiful designs. They have also been talking about Ancient Egyptian jobs and daily life and have created some fantastic diary entries pretending that they are Ancient Egyptians. The children also discussed why we commemorate Remembrance Day and wrote some very moving acrostic poems. In PE this week, the children created some fantastic asymmetrical balances. Check out some of their balances! Please check the children's bags for TTRockstars usernames and logins which they can use to practise their times tables at home! You will also be receiving an email this week with more information about and exciting Ancient Egyptian Day for the Grasshoppers!</p>
Year 4	<p>This week in maths, the pupils have been learning how to divide and multiply numbers. In English, we have looked at the key features of a myth and the pupils have written fantastic descriptive pieces of writing for both a character and a setting. We have continued to cover our topic of the Vikings and have learnt more about Thor and his character traits! In French, we have been learning about classroom instructions, and the pupils have been using their drama skills to act out these instructions. During PSHE, we looked at how to resolve conflict- again using drama to highlight the importance of compromise. Well done on a fantastic week!</p>
Year 5	<p>Bees class have had great fun this week learning about why there are time zones on the planet! They used a time zone map to find how far ahead or behind other countries are compared to the time in the UK.</p> <p>In Art, they have also enjoyed using compasses to draw planets and the moon (considering the length of the radius so that the planets were different sizes) - these have been used to create a picture of the solar system! They also delved into why we have night and day by looking at the Earth's rotation and the sun (well, a ball and a torch in the classroom!); hopefully, none of them still believe the moon makes night happen!</p>
Year 6	<p>This week Y6 have been tackling multi-step word problems in Maths. They have been learning how to work through each step to get accurate answers. In writing, we have been looking at tenses practising past and present progressive and identifying where these have been used in</p>

different pieces of writing. The children have just started recorder lessons and are working on putting together a piece of music. In Science, we looked at circuits identifying the scientific symbols for different elements of the circuit. Finally, in Topic we looked at 'witches' and how and why women were persecuted and accused and then created wanted posters using all the reasons women were accused of being witches.

Mikolaj Jek received this week's certificate for always thinking of others and showing compassion.

### **Upcoming Events:**

<b>November 2020</b>	
Monday 16th - 20th November	Anti-bullying week – <b>Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Nov – wear Odd Socks</b>
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA Sponsored 7 marathon Event – <b>Wear bright sports kit</b>
Wednesday 18th November	Virtual Open Morning for September 2021 intake (On Website)
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	KS1 Spirit of the Wild Visit to school
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA non-uniform day – <b>children to bring in chocolate for the PTA raffle and chocolate tombola on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>
<b>December 2020</b>	
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 Xmas Unwrapped
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 Egyptian – <b>wear fancy dress</b>
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Raffle
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term – <b>school finishes at 13.30</b>

