

St Mary's Newsletter

Spring Term – Friday 22nd January 2021

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

Dear parents and carers,

As we reach the end of another busy week, I am emailing with a few important updates, but I would firstly like to start this newsletter by thanking each and every one of you for all of the support that you are giving your children at home, whilst they are working on their remote learning activities. I hope that you have been able to settle into a routine that works for your child/ren and your family. I think we would all agree that this is understandably a stressful time for everyone and I would like to reassure you that your best is good enough. I am sure you are having days when home schooling is a real challenge but do remember that you are not alone.

As a guide, the government's expectation is that Key Stage One children complete around 3 hours work a day and Key Stage Two children complete around 4 hours work a day, but please remember it is perfectly okay for you to adopt a timetable that works for you as a family.

As we find ourselves three weeks in to this latest national lockdown, I want to assure you that the health and safety of children and young people remains a priority for everyone. As you know, our school takes safeguarding very seriously and I wanted to inform you of our ongoing arrangements to keep children safe during this period of remote learning.

To ensure we are able to continue to support pupils and families, and as part of our safeguarding arrangements, we will be making regular contact with you while your child is not in school, particularly if they have not been fully engaging with the online learning. This will be by phone, email and / or home visits.

We understand how worrying it is for you during this time and we will do everything we can to continue to support you. It is vital that you support us in arrangements going forward and to inform us of any concerns about your child. Meanwhile, if you need to contact the school, you can do so by calling 01799 523384.

Please, please do get in touch if we can offer any further support or guidance with managing the home learning provision or if you need any support with the technology. The children are dearly missed at school and I cannot wait until we can have everyone safely back into the classrooms again. In the meantime, let's all keep as positive as we can be and I will continue to enjoy seeing everyone on zoom. I will continue to take great pride in sharing the children's work and celebrating their achievements in our weekly sharing assemblies.

Mr C. D. Jarmain

Headteacher at St Mary's



Wellbeing, E-safety and Pastoral Care by Hayley Bloxham, Welfare & Support Officer



Are you concerned about child's safety on the internet and would like advice and support on how to keep them safe?

Don't forget - You've all been invited to **FREE** E-Safety Training hosted by 'The 2 Johns'

These are taking place on Thursday 28th January 2021 3:30pm-5:00pm or Thursday 4th February 2021 starting at 8.00pm-9:30pm

PLACES ARE LIMITED - To book your place now please call **0300 247 0122** Monday – Friday 9am-5pm

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Emotional Well-being

Let's Talk... A common language and understanding of emotional wellbeing and mental health

Healthy Schools Essex have created a fantastic document to support parents and carers with using a 'common language' when talking about emotional wellbeing and mental health with their children. This document has been sent out to you today on a separate email so please take a look. The information in the document really helps to give a shared understanding of emotional wellbeing and mental health, so that families and schools are using the same language and working together to support our children.



Friendship

Truthfulness

Perseverance

Trust

Compassion

Respect

St Mary's School Food Bank

Our **food donation** drop-off is open every **Monday** between **8.30am and 12pm**. There will be a large red and blue box placed by the front school gate for you to put your donations in.

These items will then be put into quarantine for a few days and we will then distributed these items to families from St Mary's every Friday.

Please let us know if you require support with these food parcels. Please contact the school on info@st-maryscofe.essex.sch.uk and the school Welfare Officer will be in touch. These requests will be handled discretely and sensitively.

Please could we ask that only non-perishable food or non food items are donated such as:

- Tins of food
- Packets of pasta or rice
- Tea and Coffee
- Sugar
- Boxes of cereals
- Sauce mixes in glass jars
- Toilet or kitchen rolls (in packets) and/or baby wipes
- Cleaning products



This is not a comprehensive list and please feel free to donate other items as you see fit.

Weekly Class Update

Reception	<p>The children have completed some super Superhero work this week. We have enjoyed seeing all your Supertato creations, Evil Pea Wanted posters and 'Double Trouble' work. Keep on with the amazing effort and practising those number and phonic songs. Do not forget to log on to your MyOn account and start exploring the great range of books. I will be setting a book review soon so please ensure that you have had logged in already for a read. If you have any problems, please let us know. Thank you for some lovely feedback, it really helps when we are all trying new ways of teaching and learning.</p>
Year 1	<p>The Ladybirds have all been working incredibly hard, some at home and some at school! We have been learning about London and the names of famous landmarks in English, counting back and subtracting in Maths as well as looking at the local area around our homes and school in Geography. The children's favourite activity at home was making mini Paddington bears from toilet rolls! Those children in school had a wonderful time out in the fresh air in Forest School on Wednesday morning exploring their outdoor space. The Year 1 team have been so impressed with everybody's hard working attitude and the standard of the work we have been receiving! Fantastic stuff Ladybirds! Keep it up!!!</p>
Year 2	<p>Well done Year 2s! Another great week. It is so good to see all your work and sharing jokes and stories each day. We have been particularly impressed with how much reading you are doing on MyOn - 132 books this week and counting! Special shout out to Lumi who is the top reader this week. Keep researching castles and let us know if you learn something new. We have enjoyed learning about the features of castles and how they kept people safe - sometimes too safe! We have also been so impressed with the amazing Van Gough inspired artwork that has come in, as well as some crazy coloured spaghetti! We hope it tasted as good as it looked! Lastly, well done to the Y2 keyworker children at school who not only completed the 1km dash but had to first work out how many lengths of the playground made up 1km - great maths and fitness skills, well done.</p>

Year 3	<p>Well done, Grasshoppers. You have made it to the end of your third week of home learning! I am so proud of all your hard work and dedication with your remote learning during this lockdown. I have loved reading your instructions about how to cook a rainbow this week. Each individual set of instructions has shown your amazing creativity and fun! You have done fantastic job of solving tricky word problems in maths this week too!</p> <p>Don't forget, I am online every day, so don't hesitate to pop a question on the live stream if you need any help with the work. I will continue to hold a live meets session at 11am every day too, so do continue to come along to go through the work for the day, ask any questions or even if you just want to say hello and share some news. The last pre-recorded book reading from Mrs Boyce will be next Tuesday (26.01.21), so after that we will have class story during our live meets too!</p> <p>I really hope that we can all be together again soon and look forward to being able to see you all again!</p>
Year 4	<p>I have been so impressed with the attitude and application you have shown to your online learning this week. Throughout the week, you have found creative ways to solve problems and complete your work- I am very proud of you all.</p> <p>In your Maths, you have shown real progress in your understanding of fractions and decimals; you also continue to work incredibly hard to continue to learn your times tables! Your English work has also been of a very high standard. I was so impressed to see that you were editing your work and looking to improve where possible.</p> <p>I have really enjoyed seeing the fantastic pictures of the work you have completed this week. The artwork you have completed- based on the work of Romero Britto, has been brilliant!</p> <p>I am enjoying our catch-up sessions and seeing you all! Please remember to bring anything you would like to share or any questions you have to these sessions.</p> <p>I hope you have a fantastic weekend and well-deserved rest!</p> <p>Well done again! Mr Brown</p>
Year 5	<p>The Bees have worked very hard this week to complete their newspaper articles - some of which have been nearly indistinguishable from professional pieces! It has also been great to see so many of them joining in with our daily catch-ups, where they have given great feedback on some of the lessons they have liked and also what could be added or improved in the future.</p> <p>Have a relaxing weekend Bees and I'll see you on Monday!</p>
Year 6	<p>Dragonflies, another fantastic week of commitment, hard work and creativity. I have really enjoyed seeing everything you have been doing this week and seeing how hard you are working to keep your education going as well as possible in these tricky times. Seeing your quiz results each week has helped me see what you are understanding and where we may have to revisit when we are back in school so please keep completing these on a Thursday & Friday.</p> <p>I love seeing those of you who come onto the live meet in the morning and find this time useful to clear up any misconceptions and answer any questions. If you haven't joined any of these sessions and are struggling with the expected tasks, please come along at 9:30am each morning as you will find this session helpful.</p> <p>I look forward to seeing lots of you again tomorrow at 11:30am for our end of week catch up! Thank you for all the birthday wishes. Have a great, well deserved weekend.</p> <p>Mr Pike</p>



Year 1 Art Activity



Paddington Bear!

Diary Dates

Mon 15th - Fri 19th Feb	-	Half-term
Thursday 4th March	-	World Book Day (Dress up as your favorite book character) TBC
Monday 22nd March	-	All week, Parent Consultations—details to be confirmed
Mon 29th Mar - Fri 9th Apr	-	Easter Holidays
Monday 12th April	-	INSET Day (non pupil day)
Tuesday 13h April	-	First Day of Summer Term

