

St Mary & St Peter Primary School Newsletter

Set Sail for Success

Newsletter Friday 20th September 2019

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Headteacher's News

Togetherness Cafes

This autumn term our focus for our Togetherness Cafés is going to be on Creative Arts.

Please see the 'upcoming dates' page for your child's Togetherness Café date.

Plea to all - year 3/4 require thick corrugated cardboard boxes for their togetherness café on 2nd October. Please could anyone who have these spare at home, please bring along to the school before this date.

Nursery will be holding a story café on Monday 7th October 10.30am-11.30am focusing on the text 'The Bear Hunt'. This links in with National Libraries Week. The session will also give parents ideas on how to support early reading development at home.

Reception will be holding a phonics themed stay and play on Thursday 10th October 9am-10am to model to parents how to support early phonics at home and parents

will receive a phonics pack to help them to support their child's learning.

EYFS (Nursery and Reception) will be holding a joint Christmas themed stay and play session on Thursday 12th December 9am-10am with lots of art and craft based activities.

We understand that sometimes it is difficult for parents always to come to events, so we have tried to give you the dates well in advance. We hope that this helps you plan ahead for someone to come and join your child whether it is yourself or another family member.

There will be more information about what each café will be about nearer the date of the café.

Our Mission Statement

Through nurturing trust and strong relationships, our learning adventure will see each and every one of us thrive in God's love.

Values

*Believe
Respect
Love
Trust*

If you have any questions about what your child is learning or how you can help your child at home, please arrange an appointment with the class teacher.

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Snacks and Packed Lunches

Please make sure that your child's snacks and lunches are healthy. Follow the below link to find out more about the importance of healthy snacks and some healthy snack ideas

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/food-facts/healthier-snacks-for-kids>

Please can parents ensure that their children only have water in their water bottles. Thank you.



Fruit and vegetables are always the best choice, but if you're shopping for packaged snacks for your children, use this helpful tip: look for 100 calorie snacks, two a day max!

**Urgent Reminder for Booking School Meals**

We are having a large amount of dinners which are not being booked by the deadline of 23.59 on a Sunday evening. This is creating problems on a Monday as we need to advise the dinner numbers to the catering provider by 9.15 am.

We ask that all meals are booked by the deadline. **Orders for late meals will not be accepted.**

If your child is in Yr R, Yr 1, Yr 2 or your child receives Free School Meals you can book meals half termly in advance at no cost to yourself. Please go on to Wisepay and book these meals in advance. We appreciate that if you are paying for meals it may not be possible to book in advance but please ensure you do book meals by the deadline.

Special Pizza Day

Thursday 3rd October 2019 will be a "Special Menu Pizza Day" for our school. This will be census day when funding for Reception to Year 2 meals is allocated to the school - please encourage your child if they are in these year groups to have a meal on this day if possible as this does help with financial funding for our school.

All children who have any type of school meal on this day will be entered into a draw to win a cinema voucher.

BANK HOLIDAY MAY 2020 The Government has announced that the early May bank holiday has been moved back four days next year to coincide with the 75th anniversary of VE Day. May Day will be Friday 8th MAY 2020 and not Monday 4th May 2020.

OLD TOYS NEEDED

Action figures, superheroes, barbies etc for Year 1 English topic 'Traction Man'. If anyone has these spare at home and would kindly like to donate them to the school, please bring to Miss Bull or reception. Thank you.

Nursery

We currently have limited spaces in our Nursery for an immediate start for children who turned 3 before 31st August 2019. Please contact our school office for more details.

We are currently taking names for children wishing to join us in January 2020 or April 2020.

Please contact the school office for the relative forms.

Sand Bees

We have sand bees at the front of school again this year. They should disappear in the next few weeks.

Although these are harmless please do not walk through the planted area at the front of school. Thank you.

Contact details

We would like to remind you to please let the office know if you have changed any contact details.

We do require two contact numbers for every child. Thank you.

October Holiday Activities

Open to all children in years 4, 5 & 6.

Two days of fun activities at Lynn Grove Academy on Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd October.

Cost £12 per person per day 9:00 - 3:30pm.

Call 01493 661406 ext 166 to book a place.

RE Section 48 Inspection

We are pleased to announce that following our RE Section 48 inspection on 15th July, the school remains 'Good'. With this newsletter you will find a copy of the letter the inspectors have prepared for children detailing some of their findings. The report is also available on our website.

From the parent survey, a few parents commented that they would like the school to deliver the First Communion Programme. This is a Diocesan policy, not a school policy, in which the expectation is for sacramental preparation to take place within the parish. This is what happens in most parishes up and down the country. We would like to thank all parents who were able to participate in the RE survey. Your comments were very positive and we look forward to continuing to support you with your child's spiritual journey.

Fixed Penalty Notices

All parents should have received a FPN Letter regarding absences. Please can I remind all parents that an absence of 10 consecutive sessions (5 days) will result in a £60 fine per parent for each child. Each day missed is equal to two sessions.

Early Years News

Nursery

The nursery children have all settled in beautifully and have had lots of fun exploring their new environment. Next week the children's learning will be focused around the topic 'God's Wonderful World'. The children will go on a walk around the school grounds looking for things that God created and use Ipads to capture images. We will be creating a class book to tell the story of 'Creation' which the children will 'write' and illustrate themselves. The children will be making animal masks to develop their scissor skills and their counting skills will be enhanced through the use of toy animals.

Reception

Starting Next week, we will be exploring the Topic of "God's wonderful world". We will be learning that God made the world and think about all the things God has made for us. Finding out how God has asked us to care for the world and finding ways in which we can help to do this. We will be learning how God loves and cares for each one of us; that God made each one of us is different and special then reflecting on what this means for us. We will be developing our talking and listening skills, turn taking and creative skills as we explore this topic. We will also be starting our Phonics, the first letters we will be learning are s, a, t and p. In Mathematics we will be exploring size, using the words big, bigger biggest, small, smaller, smallest and long, longer, longest.
Mrs Ricketts

Key Stage One New

Year 1

We have had a great start to the term and the children have been busy working on basic letter formation and sentence structure, including capital letters, finger spaces and full stops in English while writing their own list poems. In phonics, we have been revising phase 3 sounds and will continue working through these over the next two weeks before moving on to phase 5.

The children really enjoyed exploring a range of Maths activities during our 'Inspirational Maths Week', thinking creatively with number and shape. We have now started working with numbers up 20, reading, ordering and finding different ways to represent them and over the next couple of weeks, we will be finding one more/less than a given number, counting with one to one correspondence and partitioning numbers. In RE, we have been sequencing the story of Creation with the children writing and drawing the events and over the next two weeks, will be asking 'I wonder' questions and thinking about special people in our lives.

Miss Bull

Year 2

In Maths we have been on an inspirational maths week journey. We have explored how working methodically can help us to check our answers. We have looked at numbers differently, using visual representations to prove our thinking. In the coming weeks we will be learning about place value and how to partition numbers into tens and ones. In English we have been exploring poetry, we have read and discussed a variety of poems and have even performed our favourite poem to the class. We will be planning and writing our own list poem based on this terms theme of 'heroes'.

In RE we are discussing new beginnings; we have shared our own experiences and will be looking at the experiences of others. We will also be learning the creation story and how God is there at every beginning.

In Topic we will be learning about the life of Lord Nelson and tracking his adventures across the globe.

Mr Rebecca

Key Stage Two News

Year 3

'In English we have been writing a shape poem about the Firebird. In Maths we have been partitioning three digit numbers using Base Ten. In History we have been researching the Roman Empire and using a map to find the countries they invaded. We went for our first Swimming lesson last week and had lots of fun' by Nithiesh and Bella.

Year 4

In Year 4 we have also started our work on the Romans, studying the stories and legends around how Rome was formed. In English we have been looking at using powerful language to write exciting setting descriptions. We will be using this language to write our own setting descriptions for the Roman city of Pompeii just before it erupted in 79 AD.

In maths the children have been amazing at getting to grips with 4-digit numbers and I have been really impressed. Next week we are going to think about comparing, ordering and rounding 4-digit numbers.

Finally, in RE we have discussed what the Bible is and what it means to both ourselves and others. Next we will be studying the Old Testament, using drama to explore it's stories.

Miss Ellcome

Year 5

Year 5, in English have been working hard on improving our inference skills and the detail we can provide about a text. We're now going onto beginning our first piece of writing, a non-chronological report.

We've been working on 'Inspirational Maths' which has been helping to improve our confidence in making mistakes and learning from them. We are now going to begin place value; looking specifically at ordering and comparing numbers up to 1 million, negative numbers and decimals.

We have our first trip to the Cathedral for 'Diocesan Mass' and have been working on Creation in RE, producing some brilliant Art work.

We completed our first Science experiment and we wrote a report on this.

We've started learning 'Ukulele' in Music which we're very excited about.

Miss Melton

Marina Hub

The children in our new Marina Hub have all settled in very well and I am enjoying getting to know them.

There is a little time at the end of the morning called Scrapbook Time. Children can bring pictures from comics or magazines that they have at home of things that interest them and stick these pictures into their scrapbooks. It may be for example that they love dogs. They could then bring in pictures or photos of dogs and then use our school library to find out more about dogs and write about them in their books.

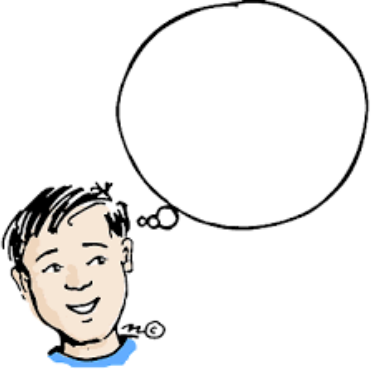


If you ever need to talk to me I am usually available before school begins every morning.

Thank you

Mrs Short

Norfolk's Local Offer

What is it?

	<p>The local offer can help you find out more about support and services for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • your child • you <p>It will also tell you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • who to contact to get more information • how to contact them.
	<p>You can find your local offer on your county council's website at www.norfolk.gov.uk/send</p>
	<p>Your local offer tells you what services and support you can get. This will include information for you and your child about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • childminders, nursery's, schools and colleges • transport • preparing for adulthood • support to get a job • housing options

In school we are getting ready to celebrate harvest, this time of year is always a good one to reflect on the wonder of creation and be thankful for the food that we have.



St Mary and St Peter, Pray for us.

Here is a prayer to use with your family:

We bless you, God of Seed and Harvest,
And we bless each other,
That the beauty of this world,
And the love that created it,
Might be expressed through our lives
And be a blessing to others,
Now and always
A. AMEN

A possible big question you could discuss at home is:

How as a family do we use the resources that God gave us?

Upcoming Events

Friday 27 th September	Year 4 Class Mass - All welcome
Monday 30 th September	Friends AGM 14:00 - 15:00
Wednesday 2nd October	Year 3/4 Togetherness Café 13:30 - 14:45
Monday 7th October	Nursery Togetherness Café 10:30 - 11:30
Thursday 10th October	Reception Togetherness Café 9 - 10am
Friday 11 th October	Harvest Whole School Mass 10am - All Welcome
Monday 14 th October	Parents Evening 3.15pm further details to follow
Wednesday 16 th October	Parents Evening 3.15pm further details to follow
Thursday 17 th October	Individual School Photos
Friday 18 th October	October Half Term Break
Monday 28 th October	Pupils return
Wednesday 30 th October	Friends School Disco 3-5pm further details to follow
Friday 1 st November	Whole School Mass @ St Peters - All welcome Further details to follow.
Wednesday 6th November	Year 5/6 Togetherness Café 13:30 - 14:45
Wednesday 13th November	Maths Calculation Meeting 2:15 - 3pm All Parents
Friday 15 th November	Year 5 Class Mass 10am - All welcome
Friday 15th November	Children in Need.
Friday 29 th November	Year 3 Class Mass 10am - All welcome
Wednesday 11th December	Year 1/2 Togetherness Café 13:30-14:45
Thursday 12th December	Nursery and Reception Togetherness Café 9-10am
Friday 13 th December	Whole School End of Term Mass 10 am - All welcome
Monday 16 th December	Dress Rehearsal afternoon
Tuesday 17 th December	Whole school Panto Trip to Gorleston Pavillion
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Performance 9:30am and 1:30am
Thursday 19 th December	End of term

Dates in bold are newly added dates

Dates for
the Diary: