

# St Mary & St Peter Primary School Newsletter

## Set Sail for Success

Newsletter Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019

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Head of School: Mrs. Jade Block



## Headteacher's News

### 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*

I would like to take the opportunity to say welcome back to a new school year. We trust everyone enjoyed the lovely summer and are well rested.

I am very excited about taking over as your new Head of School. Together, with our dedicated team we will be continually striving for excellence and are always available for you to speak to us, so please do call in. We will be holding each term TogetherNESS Cafes, which will be an opportunity for you to find out more about the curriculum and take part in exciting workshops.

Our new fortnightly newsletter will also include class information from each class teacher. This is to share with you regularly, the main areas taught by your child's teacher, so that you

will be able to know what your child has been learning and for you to better support the learning at home.

Finally, we welcome new members of the PTA too, especially in times where school budgets are difficult, funds raised are essential to our school in order to supplement enrichment resources and events.

I look forward to working closely with you all.

Mrs Block

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*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!*



### Free School Meals

#### **Reception, Years One and Two**

What is Universal Infant Free School Meals? From September 2014 the government introduced Universal infant free school meals. This means that families with children in Reception, Years One and Two are eligible to claim a free school meal for their child. There are no eligibility criteria, every Reception to Year Two child is entitled.

#### **Years Three, Four, Five and Six Free School Meals**

Please consider applying for Free School Meals if you think you might qualify. Follow the link below to find out more, on the Norfolk Schools Website:

***<http://www.schools.norfolk.gov.uk/school-administration/free-school-meals/index.htm>***

Applying for FSM means that school will also receive extra funding.

### 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>***

### School uniform

Please make sure that your child's school uniform is named.

*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.*



### Half term

**School ends for half term on Friday 18th October.** Parents are reminded NOT to book holidays during term time. A full list of school holiday dates is available from the school office and website. Please do not use Norfolk County term dates list - the dates are NOT the same. 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.

### School collections

If you know in advance that someone else will be collecting your child, please write a note in your child's diary. If it is a last minute change - please telephone the office by 2:30pm.

### Special Pizza Day

Thursday 3rd October 2019 will be a "Special Menu Pizza Day" for our school. We plan to have prizes on the day for children who have any type of school meal on this day - further details to follow. 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.

### 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.

Clubs

Clubs are filling up fast. It is a first come first serve basis. Please see the school website for details on clubs offered.

<https://www.smspprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/DETAILS-OF-CLUBS-SEPT-TO-OCT-2019.pdf>

Bookings for After School Clubs for this half term must be made using Wisepay by 9.00 on Monday 9th September 2019. After this time no further bookings will be allowed.

**ADVANCE WARNING - CLUBS JANUARY 2020 CHANGE IN BOOKING PROCESS**

We are giving parents advance warning commencing for the period January 2020 onwards all bookings for clubs will be managed on a termly basis rather than as currently on a half term basis. This will mean in January parents will be booking clubs for the period January 2020 to April 2020. We are aware this will have financial implications for parents therefore we are giving lots of advance warning.

Roald Dahl Dress Up Day - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Septmeber

We will be celebrating Roald Dahl Day and ask all children to dress up as their favorite Roald Dahl book character and raise money for the Roald Dahl's Marvellous Childrens' Charity. Please provide children with a donation to bring to school on the day. Thank you.  
**Year 3 only - due to swimming in the afternoon, please no face paint.**

To find out more visit:  
<https://www.roalddahl.com/roald-dahl-day>

The Marina

We are getting very excited about welcoming our pupils into our new learning hub on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September. Mrs Short and Mrs Miller can't wait to work with you all.



## This Week's Prayer

Pope Francis established 1<sup>st</sup> September as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, encouraging the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home.



*St Mary and St Peter, Pray for us.*

The day was inspired by Pope Francis' landmark encyclical *Laudato Si'*, which calls on "every person living on this planet" to care for our shared Earth.

He calls us all to celebrate this opportune moment to "reaffirm [our] personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation, as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live."

We are encouraged to continue to think and pray for and about creation for all of September.

In class as part of their RE your child will be exploring some

aspect of Creation during the next few weeks.

You might like to pray the following part of Psalm 104 with your family over the next few weeks:

**19** You made the moon to mark the seasons, the sun that knows the hour of its setting.

**20** You bring darkness and night falls, then all the animals of the forest wander about.

**24** How varied are your works, LORD! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

**25** There is the sea, great and wide! It teems with countless beings, living things both large and small.

**A possible big question you could discuss at home is "How as a family can we take better care of the wonderful world that God has given us?"**

## Upcoming Events

Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Y6 Eaton Vale Meeting 14:30 School Hall
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Roald Dahl Dress Up Day - All pupils Whole School Mass 10am - All welcome
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6 Eatonvale Residential Trip
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 4 Class Mass - All welcome
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Friends AGM 14:00 - 15:00
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Whole School Mass 10am - All Welcome
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening 3.15pm          further details to follow
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening 3.15pm          further details to follow
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual School Photos
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	October Half Term Break
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Pupils return
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Friends School Disco 3-5pm      further details to follow
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Whole School Mass @ St Peters - All welcome Further details to follow.
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 Class Mass 10am - All welcome
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 Class Mass 10am - All welcome
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School End of Term Mass 10 am - All welcome
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Dress Rehearsal afternoon
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole school Panto Trip to Gorleston Pavillion
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Performance                  9:30am and 1:30am
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	End of term

Dates for  
the Diary: