

St Mary & St Peter Primary School Newsletter

Set Sail for Success

Newsletter Friday 20th September 2019

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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.

Headteacher's News

Litter picking On Thursday 19th September we went on an adventure around the field, exploring and looking for wildlife. As we were walking around the field we noticed how much rubbish there seems to be! We spoke about how this can affect our environment and the animals that live near our school, so we decided to do something about it! Making sure we had protective gloves, we picked up as much litter as we could. We then took it to Mrs Block to show her - she was so impressed with our actions.

We are hoping to continue this work and make the field litter free!



We need your help too, please could everyone use the bins on our field, playground and school site. We are also planning to (with the help from Miss McGregor and Mrs McNab) clear the pond area and make it a space that we can all enjoy again. Watch this space.... Cain Y5, Kye Y4, Kasper Y3, and Zack Y3

In year 4 Lacey-Mae Wilson and Layla Ross came to see Mrs Block at the start of term with a campaign to pick up litter. They asked for some gloves and a bin bag. They have since been spending their break and lunch times picking up litter around the school site. Well done girls!



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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!



Operation Encompass

Our school is in partnership with Operation Encompass, which is the early notification to education settings that police have been called to a domestic incident, and that the children were present or witness.

This partnership enables our school to offer immediate support for children and young people experiencing domestic abuse.

Information is shared by the police with our school's trained Key Adult (DSL) prior to the start of the next school day, after officers have attended a domestic abuse incident thus enabling appropriate support to be given, dependent upon the needs and wishes of the child. Please follow the link for more information:

<https://www.operationencompass.org/>

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.

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.

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 bottle. 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.

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.

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.

Norovirus

You should have all received a letter regarding Norovirus. If you have not please see the letter on our website.

To prevent the spread of the Norovirus children attending a school, nursery, playgroup or childminder should stay off until they have been free of symptoms for 48 hours and are well enough to return.

Parent Support Adviser

Hello, I am the new Parent Support Adviser for the school. I work every Thursday from 8.30 to 3.30pm. There are leaflets around the school to say a bit more about what I can offer, so please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, worries or concerns or parenting issues you feel you would like more information about. I look forward to supporting you.

Soo Strong 07471 033674



Online safety

Keeping children safe online has become essential in modern times; with more children accessing the internet at a younger age it is vital that we understand to how help keep them safe. We have updated our website with new links to help parents and carers understand the benefits and potential dangers for children using the internet and how they can help in creating a positive and safe online environment.

It can be hard to keep track of what your child is doing on social networks, apps and games. Or know how to keep them safe. Look at the following link to find out more:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware/>

Parent's Evening

Parents evening is held over two evenings on Monday 14th and Wednesday 16th October 2019. Please book a Parents evening appointments via wisepay.

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.

Going paperless

The school is going paperless therefore we will be collecting parent email addresses during our next Parent's Evening, which will be taking place on Monday 14th and Wednesday 16th October. Please supply your main email address that you will use regularly to read important letters/notices.

Parent Café

Wednesday 2nd October we had a wonderful turn out for our first parent café of the year, for years 3/4. Thank you to everyone that came to support this event and for all the people that supplied the cardboard for this event.

We have both the Nursery and Reception parent café next week.



Early Years News

We have been learning about God's wonderful world and how we can take care of it. On Wednesday the 9th October we have Scraps the puppy coming into school so we can learn some more about how to care for God's animals.

We have story cafe for Nursery on Monday 7th October 10.30-11.30.

Phonics Cafe for Reception on Thursday 10th of October 9-10

We will then be moving on to looking at Autumn and Harvest and exploring the changes that happen at this time of year.

Key Stage One New**Year 1**

This week in Phonics we have moved on to phase 5 and have been learning alternative spellings for phase 3 sounds. We have looked at 'ay', 'ou', 'ie', and 'ea' and the children have been working on reading and writing words with these sounds in. In English, we have started our topic book 'Traction Man' and have been focusing on building descriptive vocabulary and writing sentences independently. In Maths we have been ordering numbers and have been using the language 'greater than', 'less than' and 'equal to' to compare objects and numbers. The children have also been thinking about the importance of looking after our world in RE, and collaborated on a class prayer to thank God and have made their own promises on what they will do to help look after our world.

Miss Bull

Year 2

In year 2 we will be continuing our topic of place value in maths. We will be learning how to order numbers and how to estimate where a number goes on a number line.

In English we will be exploring the book Traction Man by Mini Grey and will be writing character descriptions using interesting adjectives.

In topic we are investigating everyday materials and their uses and exploring why we use certain materials.

In RE we are continuing our discussions on beginnings and how God is always with us and loves us.

Mr Rebecca

Key Stage Two News**Year 3**

In English we've been reading the Firebird and writing a diary entry as a boy called Prince Ivan. We are learning to do our writing in paragraphs. In Maths we have been using the Base Ten equipment lots for place value. In RE we've been creating a recipe for a loving family. For example, take 8 grams of love and 2 millilitres of care. Mix them together and bake it in the sunshine. For extra decorations, add a smile, by Sophia and Hannah

Year 4

Year 4 have particularly enjoyed learning about the Romans these past weeks. We have explored how Rome was founded, how the Roman Empire spread across Europe and how their army helped them to do so.

Both Miss Nobes and myself would like to thank everyone who came to our Art Cafe and those who donated cardboard boxes to us. The children really enjoyed designing and making their own authentic roman shields and we will use this in the coming weeks when we explore Roman army battle formations. Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

Miss Ellcome

Year 5

Year 5 have been focusing on writing using more formal language in English. We have been improving our own written work through the use of editing and peer feedback.

In Maths we're learning how to x by 10, 100 and 1,000 and beginning to look at rounding.

We're coming to the end of our Science topic and are going to begin looking at the Loch Ness in Geography. We're going to be linking our topic to English and creating some modern-style folk tales inspired by the Loch Ness monster which will be entered into a National writing competition.

Miss Melton

Year 6

On Wednesday 18th September, year 6 stayed at Eaton Vale for two nights; 3 days. During our amazing amount of time there, we took part in fantastic activities, which were really attractive to the outdoors. One of the best activities was canoeing (Joseph F fell into the sea clumsily), the challenging 'trapeze' was a nightmare. I would say the most peaceful activity was mountain biking because we rode quickly and quietly. Natarlia B suddenly rode into a tree. Crate stacking was a BLAST! Because Danny and Alvin were on crates and Danny jumped off and pushed all of them over. We all had an amazing time!!

By Danny A and Natarlia B.

Marina Hub

Just to let you know that I send homework home each Friday. Please encourage your child to do their homework over the weekend and send it back in on the Monday.



One of the best ways to support your child in school is to hear them read each day. It's also really important to have a chat with them about what they are reading. At the moment The Marina children are loving *George's Marvellous Medicine* by Roald Dahl.

Just a reminder that I am usually available before school if you need to talk to me. Please make an appointment with the office or just pop into school.

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

"Many children with Special Educational Needs find learning a little more tricky than their friends.

Here are some practical tips to help support reading at home."

BENEFITS OF READING to your Child

Parents play an integral part in their children's education and helping them reach their full potential. Here are some benefits of reading to your children:

Helps them sleep.

Getting a good night's rest is important for developing children, and reading to them while they are in bed can calm their minds and bodies.

Improves communication skills.

When you spend time reading to children, they will be much more likely to express themselves and relate to others in a healthy way.

Creates new bonds.

With a majority of our days spent looking at computer, TV and phone screens, it's important to take a few moments to spend quality time with your children. Reading to your children also can build an emotional connection. It's a win-win.

Teaches them the basics.

Teaching children to read is like building a house — you need to have a solid foundation that you can build upon later in life.

Improves logical thinking skills.

Reading to children helps their ability to grasp abstract concepts, apply logic, recognize cause and effect, and use good judgment.



Friends News

This week we have officially revived the schools PTA group (Friends of St Mary's and St Peter's) and we have already started to plan the year ahead starting with the spooky disco on the 30th October. We have also started looking at sorting some great events for the Christmas period, bringing back some good old favourites, more information to follow in the weeks to come. We have set up the infrastructure of the group with Matthew Evans taking on role of Chair (Children in years R and 6) Louise Williams-White taking on the role of Finance (Children in years 2,3 and 5) Cheri Court taking on the role of Secretary (Child in year 4) At the moment we are an 8 strong team but we need extra help, the more help the more great events we can put on for the whole school to enjoy. If you have any free time please email us at friendsofsmasp@gmail.com, you are not required to attend every meeting or even help with every event but anytime is a great help. We will also be holding a meeting on 7th November 8:50am, it would be great to see you there.



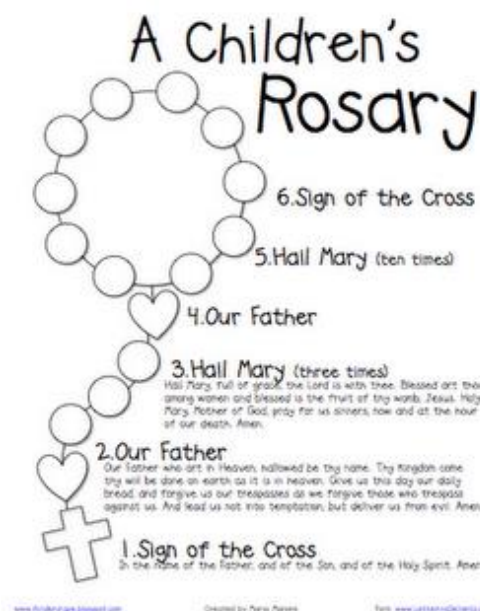
*St Mary and St
Peter, Pray for
us.*

October is traditionally the month of the Holy Rosary with the feast day of the Holy Rosary falling on the 7th of October. Here is a simple version that you might choose to use with your child. If you wish to pray the full rosary and are not sure what to do the following link might be helpful.

<https://www.catholicity.com/prayer/rosary.html>

A possible big question you could discuss at home is:

What can we learn from the life of Mary?



Upcoming Events

Monday 7 th October	Nursery Togetherness Café	10:30 - 11:30
Thursday 10 th 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 6 th November	Year 5/6 Togetherness Café	13:30 - 14:45
Wednesday 13 th November	Maths Calculation Meeting	2:15 - 3pm All Parents
Friday 15 th November	Year 5 Class Mass 10am - All welcome	
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need.	
Friday 29 th November	Year 3 Class Mass 10am - All welcome	
Friday 6th December	Friends School Christmas Fair	
Wednesday 11 th December	Year 1/2 Togetherness Café	13:30-14:45
Thursday 12th December	Carols by Candlelight 18:30	
Thursday 12 th 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	
Tuesday 17th December	Friends School Disco 3-5pm	
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Performance	9:30am and 1:30am
	School Christmas Dinner	
Thursday 19 th December	End of term	

Dates in bold are newly added dates

Dates for
the Diary: