

# St Mary & St Peter Primary School Newsletter

## Set Sail for Success

Newsletter Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019

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Head of School: Mrs. Jade Block



## Headteacher's News

### Odd Sock Day

As part of Anti-Bullying week all staff and children took part in odd socks, on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November, to celebrate what makes us all unique.



### 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.*

### Stars of the Week

Our Stars of the week enjoying chocolate cake on our Golden Table!

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Nov Stars:



Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Nov Stars:



### Attendance

**Weekly attendance figures:**  
Week beginning Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Nov  
Year 4 achieved the best attendance overall with 99%.

Week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> Nov Year 5  
achieved the best attendance overall with 97%.  
Well done year 4 & 5!

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**Parent Governor Vacancy**

Letters have been sent out regarding two vacancies on our school's Governing Body for parent governors. The completed nomination papers must be returned to St Mary and St Peter Catholic Primary School by 12.00 noon Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019. See our website for more details

**Uniform**

Please can I remind parents that ALL children must be wearing black school shoes. NOT boots or trainers.

Please ensure hair accessories are sensible and are RED to match school colours. Ribbons and bobbles should be simple. No Jo-Jo bows please.

**Uniform Shop - items needed!**

We would like to start up a second hand uniform shop at school, which will be open on selected days - details to come. If anyone has any good quality clothing that they no longer need, please donate to the school.

**PE kit**

Please make sure that your children have a change of clothes as their PE kit. We have started to see children arrive in school in leggings and then just take off their jumpers to do PE. They need to have their own separate PE kit.

**School dinner payments/orders**

The dinner order deadline is on a Sunday at 23:59 for that following week. Please can you make sure that you complete the order by clicking CHECKOUT so that the order gets completed. Many parents are selecting the food but are not then completing the order by checking out.

**Parent Support Adviser**

Week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> Nov I will be working from home for personal reasons and will be contactable via mobile or email.

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**Sunday Times Visit**

The Sunday times will be visiting our school to discuss the challenges that we as a community face in a coastal area, in ensuring that our children have the best opportunities possible. They would love to meet some of our parents at their home or in school. Please let the office know by Monday morning at 10am if you are willing to part. Thanks

*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!*



### 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.

### 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.

### Bible Society

The bible society are doing free Christmas stories again this year. One per household. Here is the link to get a free copy.

[https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/christmas/christmas-2019/with-love-from-god/?source\\_code=782725\\_B](https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/christmas/christmas-2019/with-love-from-god/?source_code=782725_B)

### Christmas Jumpers needed

There will be a Christmas jumper stall at the Christmas fair. If anyone has any spare Christmas jumpers at home please donate to the school. This will be a great opportunity to get an xmas jumper for our Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec.

### Reading Record Launch for parents Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Find out what we need you to do with your child and receive your free reading pack. It is essential that you attend this. Please book your space on Wisepay by Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 23:59.

### Parent readers needed

If anyone is able to give some of their time, to come into school and to support our pupils with some one-to-on reading, please let the school office know. Thanks

### Book Swap Area

We will be opening our School Library after school on a Friday 3 - 4pm in January 2020 - more details to come. We would like to have a book swap area available for children. If you have any books that you no longer needs please can these be donated to the school.

## Early Years News

### **Nursery**

In nursery the learning is currently focused around the text 'The Train Ride' by June Crebbin. The children are developing their spoken vocabulary through learning to retell the story using small world play. They will also develop their early writing skills by creating story maps. The children will be developing their counting skills by counting out the correct number of passengers onto the train and will also learn to name and describe the properties of shapes through creating images of trains using shapes.

To support the learning at home why not share the story of 'The Train Ride' together available on the internet or from your local library. Use any construction toys that your child has e.g. Duplo/Lego to design and make a train together and count how many wheels/passengers your model has.

Miss Cooper

### **Reception**

The past couple of weeks Reception has been learning about trains. We have been reading the book "The Train Ride". We have been retelling the story and practicing using some of the words and phrases in our speaking and our writing. We have now covered the letter sounds for the whole alphabet and are starting to learn about where two letters make one sound, like ng, sh and th. Please do continue to read regularly with your child. When they have read 5 times at home they get a sticker for their book and when they have collected 5 stickers then they can choose an item of stationary out of my box! In maths we have been working at looking at 1 more and 1 less with people getting on and off the train and also making number tracks. At home you could encourage your child to count up and down from different starting numbers, for example 5,6,7,8... or 12,11,10,9... Please remember to make sure that all gloves and hats are named as it helps us to get them quickly back to the correct owner.

Mrs Ricketts

### Key Stage One News

#### **Year 2**

In English we have finished our study of Traction Man and have written our own stories based on his adventures in our classroom. We will be moving on to instruction writing and exploring the features of instructions, including introductions, subheadings and using commas to separate items in a list.

You can help your child at home by reading a range of non-fiction texts and identifying these features and why they are important.

In Maths we are using equipment and pictures to solve subtraction problems. We will also be using blank number lines to solve subtraction by taking away jumps of tens and ones.

You can help your child at home by practicing counting backwards in 10's from any number (for example: 47,37,27...)

In RE we have started our new unit on Baptism. We will be investigating why people are Baptised and what special symbols are used in Baptism and what they mean.

You can help your child at home by asking them questions about baptism and encouraging them to discuss what they have learnt.

Mr Rebecca

## Key Stage Two News

### **Year 3**

In Year 3 we have been reading lots of newspapers and identifying the features of them. We have also been learning how to use the expanded column method for subtraction.

You can help your child at home by asking your child to write as much as possible. We really want to improve the children's stamina for writing so they are able to write at length without getting achy hands! You can also ask your child to teach you how the expanded column method works for subtraction.

Miss Nobes

### **Year 4**

#### Reading Challenge

In year 4 we are currently having a competition to see who can read at home the most in the month of November. When you read with your child at home please write it in their school diary so we can log their progress on the chart in our classroom. It only has to be for 5 minutes and will really help develop your child's reading skills.

#### Multiplication

Thank you so much to those of you who were able to make it to the information meeting about the Government's new Multiplication Tables Check. If you were unable to make it, a letter went out yesterday giving you the information that was shared at this meeting. We will be starting multiplying 2-digit and 3-digit numbers by a 1-digit number (e.g.  $153 \times 3$ ). You can massively help your child by practicing their times tables at home. If they know their times tables, they will be incredibly successful with this.

Miss Ellcome

**Year 5**

Year 5 have been learning short division in Maths. We've been looking at different ways of showing remainders and problem solving whilst using a formal method.

In English, we've been completing our writing of a folk story and been focusing on making our writing description and atmospheric.

We're now focusing on Anglo Saxon crime and punishment and will be completing writing based on this topic.

You can help your child at home by:

- Supporting them with homework,
- Reading and discussing books with them,
- Times table practice.

Miss Melton

**Marina Hub**

This week we are listening to the story of *The Magic Finger* by Roald Dahl.

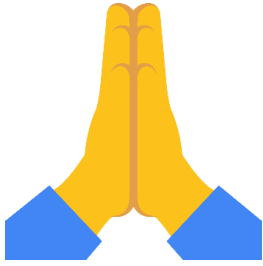
The book is both funny and serious at the same time and the Hub girls and boys are enjoying debating some of the issues in the book. Recently we have read together *George's Marvellous Medicine* which is also by Roald Dahl. This was also a very popular book in our class.

Please support your child by encouraging reading at home. A visit to the local library to find other Roald Dahl books to read themselves would be a perfect way to support our current learning.

Thank you

Mrs Short

## This Week's Prayer



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

In RE many of the classes are exploring being part of the Church. Here is a prayer about Baptism to use at home:

Dear Lord, We thank you for your love, that we have become sons and daughters of a heavenly Father. We pray for those who have been baptised, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. May they walk forward, cleansed of sin, embraced and loved by the Father. May they follow the leading of the Lord Jesus Christ, guiding their paths. And may they be fill of the Holy Spirit, flowing with love and grace, drinking in the truth of God and pouring out your hope and redemption into a broken world.

Amen.

**A possible big question you could discuss at home is:**

What does it feel like to belong to a family/group? What are the good/difficult parts about belonging?



## Upcoming Events

<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>'Sounds4Christmas' Infant Concert Gt Yarmouth Minster 6pm - 8pm</b>
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 Class Mass 10am - All welcome
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	<b>'Festival of Carols Gt Yarmouth Minster 7 - 9pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>'Festival of Carols Gt Yarmouth Minster 7 - 9pm</b>
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Friends School Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1/2 Togetherness Café 13:30-14:45
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Carols by Candlelight 18:30
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery and Reception Togetherness Café 9-10am
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School End of Term Mass 10 am - All welcome
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas Jumper Day</b>
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Dress Rehearsal afternoon
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole school Panto Trip to Gorleston Pavillion
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Friends School Disco 3-5pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Performance 9:30am and 1:30am School Christmas Dinner
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	End of term
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Start of term - pupils and staff return</b>
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Parent Reading Meeting 2:30pm</b>
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Half term</b>
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Pupils and staff return</b>
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>End of term</b>
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Start of term - pupils and staff return</b>
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>May Bank Holiday/VE Day</b>

**Dates in bold are newly added dates**

Dates for  
the Diary: