

St Mary & St Peter Primary School Newsletter

Set Sail for Success

Newsletter Friday 8th November 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

Anti-Bullying Week

Next week is Anti - Bullying week 11th - 15th November. This will be a focus for our school during this week. There will also be an extra assembly on Wednesday 13th November, on Online Safety focusing on bullying online.

Odd Sock Day

As part of Anti-Bullying week all staff and children can wear odd socks, on Tuesday 12th November, to celebrate what makes us all unique.

Attendance

Well done to year 5 who achieved the best attendance for the first Autumn half term. The class received a class certificate and trophy to be displayed in their room, and enjoyed a breakfast together Monday morning to celebrate. The overall attendance for this class was 97%.

Weekly attendance figures:

Week beginning Mon 28th Oct
Year 2 achieved the best attendance overall with 98%.
Well done year 2!

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.

Breakfast Club

A reminder that if you would like your child to attend breakfast club, it must be booked by 2pm the previous day. Due to staffing we are unable to accept anyone who has not been booked on.

Gobolino library display Y4 and Y5.

In Gorleston library we have some fantastic work that our year 4 and 5 children have produced, up on display. To find out more please visit and take a look if you have not done so already.

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Parent Zone - digital support for your family

Follow the link below to a parent guide on how to keep your child safe on Tik Tok and limit their screen time.

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/tiktok-everything-you-need-know-about-video-production-app>

Football club

On November 1st the boy's football team participated in a football match against Woodlands Primary School. All of the boys played well from both teams and we are grateful that they invited us. Unfortunately we lost 8-1. By Ruben and Alvin Y6

On November 2nd the girl's school football team went to Woodlands Primary School to compete in a tournament. Our school placed 3rd out of six schools. We won one match, drew two and lost one. All the girls played well and thank you Woodlands for inviting us to the tournament. By Laureine and Vanessa Y6.

Christmas Dinner and Panto orders deadline

Christmas Dinners and the packed lunches for our Pantomime trip both need to be ordered by Sunday 8th December. In our letter about the panto we gave a deadline of Sunday 15th December - please ignore this as the dinners now need to be ordered by 8th Dec. Thanks.

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.

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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!



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

Prayer Bear

Pray resource for families to borrow.

We have a "Prayer Bear" and booklet that your family may borrow. Your child or family can ask to borrow them.

There is no right or wrong way to use him, just like there is no right or wrong way to pray to God!

There are some suggested prayers in the booklet and you are welcome to add your own favourites to the book

In the bag, that Prayer bear comes in, is a luggage label. If you would like you can write a prayer request for your family on the label. It can be anonymous and will be added to the school prayer tree when you return prayer bear.

Prayer bear can stay with you just for the night, or up to a week. Please make sure that everything is in his bag when you return him so that he is ready to visit another family.

Children in Need

Non uniform day on Friday 15th November. Yellow/Spot theme if possible. Please provide your child with a donation of 50p - £1.

Cake sale

For children in Need

15.11.19

We need small cakes and biscuits to sell on Friday 15th of November. Please bring in on the day in a named container.

- Children can bring 20p to buy a treat cake or biscuit at morning break.
- If we have cakes left there will be a further chance to buy at the end of the day. Cakes will be sold outside the Reception Classroom from 3pm

JLT will also be selling goodies on this day to raise money for Children in Need, so please do send some extra money in on Friday 15th November.

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.

Parent Café

Thank you to all the parents that came along to our year 5/6 Parent Café on Wednesday. It was lovely to have so many of you join us for the afternoon.



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.

A reminder that hair cuts for school should be appropriate. Shoulder length hair or longer should be tied back or up. Boys should not have lines shaved into their hair.



Early Years News

Nursery

In nursery the children's learning is currently focused around the text 'Room on a Broom' by Julia Donaldson. The children will explore a range of objects in the witch's cauldron and use interesting words to describe them to build up their spoken vocabulary. The children will then apply their new words through incorporating it in to their written spells thus developing their early writing skills. The children's counting skills will be developed through counting out the correct number of spiders to put on a web. The children will also be learning to recite a firework poem. The children will listen to the sounds of fireworks and paint their own firework pictures in response, developing their creativity.

To support your children's learning at home why not share the story Room on a Broom, available from your local library or on the internet and talk about the words that rhyme in the text. Explore a pumpkin together and use lots of interesting words to describe what it looks, feels and smells like to build up your child's vocabulary. Go on a hunt around the house or garden and collect some interesting objects e.g. pinecones, oranges, ball, stones, leaves for the witch and put them in a bowl (magic cauldron). Encourage your child to count the objects accurately only saying one number for each item and emphasise the total.

Reception

In reception we have been enjoying making potions, drawing and writing our recipes as part of our work on Room on the Broom. We have also been exploring language using the poetry of fireworks. You could continue this learning at home by encouraging your child to make strings of words that start with the same letter eg "bim bam boom" or think of rhyming words.

We have also been exploring shapes and talking about their properties - at home you could go on a shape hunt looking for a specific shape; "How many triangles can you find?" for example.

We have just introduced Pecky the Mathematical Penguin to the class, each week a different child will be chosen to borrow Pecky to take him home and share some Maths learning. Then on Monday they will talk about the learning that they have done together.

We are working hard on our reading in class, your child can earn stickers for reading at home. Everytime they have read 5 times at Home (where you have written in their contact book) they will get a sticker, when they have collected 5 reading stickers they will be able to choose a lucky dip present (some stationary) Please do support them with this at home.

Finally now the weather is changing we will be starting PE lessons in the hall from the week beginning the 17th of November. PE will be on a Thursday morning. Your child will need a named plain white t-shirt, black shorts and plimsolls in a clearly named PE bag.

Please do support your child in learning to take off and put on their own clothes. We teach them to put the items they take off into their PE bag to reduce the amount of mix ups over clothes, but it will really help us if all items of clothing are clearly named, thank you.

Mrs Ricketts

Key Stage One News

Year 1

In Maths, we had been focusing on addition. Over the next week we will be finding the different number bonds for numbers 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10. The children have been busy using adjectives to describe the wolf from the story 'The Three Little Pigs' in English, and will be using these adjectives to write wanted posters. In RE, we have started thinking about our families and how we show love within our families, and how we are all a part of God's family.

You can support your child with their learning at home by:

- Encouraging your child to extend their written and spoken sentences by adding adjectives.
- Practise addition sums with your child, focusing on number bonds - how many number bonds/pairs can they find for a particular number to ten.
- Practising weekly spellings - try and make it a part of your daily routine (on the way to school, in the bath etc.).
- Reading with your child daily and talking about the story (please record this in their diary).
- Completing weekly homework.

Miss Bull

Year 2

In English we will be writing our own story based on the adventures of Traction Man. We will be using adjectives to add detail to our descriptions. You can help at home by encouraging your child to use a wide range of descriptive language.

In Maths we will be learning how to add and subtract two digit numbers using equipment and drawn methods. We will be partitioning numbers into tens and ones to make our calculations easier.

You can help at home by practicing counting forwards and backwards in tens from any number, for example 36,46,56.... This will help when we begin to add and subtract using a number line.

In RE we will be finishing our learning about Judaism and Shabbat and beginning our learning about signs and symbols in Catholicism.

You can help at home by asking your child to explain what Shabbat is and how and why it is celebrated.

Mr Rebecca

Key Stage Two News

Year 3

This week in Year 3 we have been writing up our final draft of our Firebird non-chronological reports including subheadings and captions.

In Maths, we have just started to learn how expanded column method works for subtraction. We have also updated our Maths area to include a times table chart. This helps us to keep track of which times tables we have learnt and what we need to practice next.

We have also just begun our new RE unit which is all about the Church family. We have learnt the words parish and diocese.

You can support your child at home by ensuring your child can confidently recall their three times table - forwards, backwards and jumbled up. We will also be assessing the children's reading in the next couple of weeks to see if they can move up a book band. Please ensure your child is reading regularly at home to support this.

Year 4

Year 4 have done really well getting to grips with addition in maths this half term, keep giving them questions at home to reinforce this learning. If you are unsure about the methods your child has learnt please read the calculation policy given out at parents evening.

This fortnights times table focus is the 7's so keep practicing at home.

Your child has a school reading book that is levelled at their reading ability. Please read this book with your child ideally every night but at least three times per week. Even if just for 5 minutes. Please write a note in your child's diary so we can keep track of who is reading at home. As mentioned at parents evening, reading is one of the most valuable things you can do with your child and develops skills across the curriculum.

Miss Ellcome

Year 5

You could help your child's learning at home by:

Reading with them;

Helping with times tables practice;

Giving your children numbers to multiply (4 digits by 2 digits) and divide (4 digits by 1 digit) using a formal method;

Encouraging your child to read myths and legends, which are our writing outcomes at present;

Supporting them with any homework given.

Miss Melton

Year 6

In Year 6 we have started this half term learning about mythical heroes. In English we have been exploring Norse mythology and King Arthur in view to writing our own myth or legend. This has linked to our Geography learning where we have been comparing Loch Ness as a contrasting locality with our own. In Maths we have been learning about primes, factors, multiples, square and cubed numbers to deepen our understanding to learn about fractions. In RE we have continued to learn about the Jewish faith and beliefs. You can help your child at home by exploring some mythical stories together and by daily quiz reminders about types of numbers.

Mrs Cullum

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

Friends News

After a great 1st disco it's time to let you know what exciting events we have in store for this half of the term. Our first event will be our Christmas fete, this will be held on 6th December 3:30 until 5pm. We are now starting to plan so if there is anyone who would like to have a stall please get in touch using the email address below.

On Wednesday 11th December, 6:30-8:30, we will be hosting Carols by Candlelight, this is a great night and a real community get together, more information to follow soon.

Our final event will be our Christmas Disco we are going to attempt to get as many children as we can to make balloon reindeers with the help from Steve the Tricky Twister, we hope it will be another 2hrs full of fun.

Once again if you have any free time and could help at any of the above events please email us, you are not required to attend every meeting or even get involved with every event but anytime you can spare is a great help.

friendsofsmssp@gmail.com

The Friends

This Week's Prayer



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

November is traditionally the month of Remembrance. We remember those who sacrificed their lives in war.

This is a good prayer to use with blowing bubbles. Say each line of the following prayer to the children and ask them to sit quietly and watch the bubbles until they pop. Imagine that, as the bubbles pop, peace is coming to that situation and the hard thing is disappearing. When the last bubble has popped say the next line.

We think of/ pray for all who are angry- bring them peace

We think of/ pray for all who are jealous- bring them peace

We think of/ pray for all who are greedy- bring them peace

We think of/ pray for all who hate- bring them peace

We think of/ pray for all who are afraid- bring them peace

A possible big question you could discuss at home is:

How can we help to bring peace? In our families, in our school, in the world?

Upcoming Events

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. Non-uniform day yellow/spot theme.
Wednesday 20th November	Y4 Multiplication Timetable Check Parents Session 2-3pm
Friday 29 th November	Year 3 Class Mass 10am - All welcome
Friday 6 th December	Friends School Christmas Fair
Wednesday 11 th December	Year 1/2 Togetherness Café 13:30-14:45
Wednesday 11th 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 17 th 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: