

St Mary & St Peter Primary School Newsletter

Set Sail for Success

Newsletter Friday 24th January 2020

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Headteacher's News

Head of School: Mrs. Jade Block



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 13th Jan Stars:



Monday 20th Jan Stars:
No pictures available.

Parents Evening

Tuesday 11th and Thursday 13th February will be our next parents evening. Please book your time slot via wisePAY.

RSE Meeting

Advanced date warning - we will be holding an RSE meeting for year 5 and 6 parents on Tuesday 31st March 2020 at 2:30. More information will follow.

Attendance

Weekly attendance figures:

Week beginning Mon 6th Jan Year 3 achieved the best attendance overall with 97%.
Week beginning Mon 13th Jan year 6 achieved the best attendance at 98%. Well done to both year 3 and year 6!

Online Safety

Starting a conversation about online safety

It can be difficult to know how to start talking to your child about what they're doing online or who they might be speaking to.

But talking regularly, like you would about their day at school, will help your child feel relaxed and mean that when they do have any worries, they're more likely to come and speak to you. To find out more follow this link:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

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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!



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

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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Dropping off in the mornings

Can parents please ensure the only place where children (& parents where applicable) ONLY get out of the cars is by Mr Lawrence the caretaker. A number of parents are letting out their children or getting out with the children just inside the school gates. This is creating traffic jams as other parents cannot enter the car park.

Please ensure parents do not park in the school car park. The car park is open for a drop off only.

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-one 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 need please can these be donated to the school.

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.

Absence from school

When calling in to report your child's absence please indicate the exact issue, rather than just unwell or ill.

Nursery

Next week in nursery the children will be learning about the celebration Chinese New Year. The class role play area will be turned into a Chinese restaurant where the children will pretend to order food, developing their social interactions and spoken language skills. The children will develop their counting skills by counting coins to pay for the food that they order. Chinese lanterns will be made to develop the children's cutting and joining skills. At the end of the topic we will cook noodles which we will eat with chopsticks.

Please support your child's learning at home by discussing special family celebrations e.g. Christmas, weddings, christenings, birthdays. Have a look on this website and discuss how Chinese New Year is celebrated. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/chinese-new-year>

Year R

Firstly, a big thank you to all the parents who are reading daily with your children. All the practice is having a super impact on their reading. This weekend is the celebration of the Chinese New Year and we will be using next week to explore some learning around this theme. This will include an opportunity to try some noodles. We will also be turning the role play area into a Chinese restaurant, if you have any resources such as chopsticks or Chinese menus that you no longer want we would be very grateful. At home you could discuss different ways that you celebrate important events in your family.

Year 1

In Maths, we have been busy practising and applying our knowledge of counting in twos and tens. The children have also been working on reading and writing numbers up to one hundred, finding one more and less and partitioning them into tens and ones. We will be using our knowledge of 2-digit numbers and applying this when adding and subtracting over the forthcoming weeks.

In English, we have enjoyed sharing the story Beegu. The children have been focusing on using inference to make predictions and working on extending their sentences by explaining their ideas and opinions. Over the next couple of weeks, we will be working on learning the key skills needed for diary writing, including writing in the past tense and working chronologically before writing a diary entry in the role of Beegu.

The children have been learning about the four countries and capital cities that make up the United Kingdom in *Geography*. They have been using atlases to label maps and finding out key features and characteristics of each country. Over the next couple of weeks, we will be looking closer to home and exploring *Great Yarmouth*.

Things you can do to support your child at home:

- Read every day and record it in your child's school diary.
- Complete weekly homework and spellings.
- Talk about places that you have visited in the United Kingdom (including Norfolk) and if possible, provide photographs for your child to bring into school to share and discuss.
- Practise counting in twos and tens and identifying 2-digit numbers in the environment.

Year 3

In Year 3 we are currently working on writing setting descriptions about our class text, 'Pebble in my Pocket'.

In our Maths we are continuing our work on division.

You can further support your child at home by ensuring that they are fluent in their 3, 4 and 8 times tables. We have noticed that those children who know their times tables are much more confident in their Maths lessons as they already have a lot of the prior knowledge.

Also please ensure that you are signing your child's Contact Books every time they read at home so we can award them with house points and raffle tickets. Congratulations to the 6 children who read every night last week!

Thanks, Miss Nobes

Year 5

English- we're focusing on persuasive writing in English. Please encourage your child to read some formal pieces of writing, such as newspaper articles, to support them with vocabulary choices.

Maths- we're continuing with fractions. Supporting your children with their times tables will help with this.

Please continue reading with your child at home to support them in improving their reading speed, vocabulary and writing.

Thanks, Miss Melton

Marina

Thank you to all of you who have been helping your child learn their Times Tables. As I have explained previously it is so important for our children to know their tables really well as it helps in all areas of Mathematical learning in school.

My next request is that you hear your child read their reading book each day and sign their contact book. In this way not only will your child become a more confident and fluent reader but they will get a house point at school for each time they read with you at home!

If you have any questions about this or any aspect of life in The Hub please either pop in before school in the morning to see me or telephone the Office to make an appointment.

Mrs Short

Friends News

We have been busy getting the Christmas show DVD ready for you to buy and I am pleased to say we are good to go.

We would like to thank all the children who entered our design the cover competition and congratulate Hugo Palmer Year 1 as this year's winner. We hope everyone will like your design as much as we do.

In the case you get 2 Discs, one with the show on and the other with all the photos on.

The price for each set of 2 discs is £7.50. If you would like more than 1 copy, we are selling 2 sets for £12.50. Sets can be ordered on wise pay and will be sent home via your child.

None of this would have been possible if James Hewitt from Filmedia had not given up his time to not only film and take photos but to edit his work to create the final product.

All proceeds from the sale of the DVD sets will go direct to the Friends funds. These funds are used all year round to help purchase extra equipment and supplies for our children's school. We hope you enjoy what we have produced.

DVD order deadline is 23:59 Sunday 9th February 2020 via Wisepay under general products.

In the month which is traditionally known for being somewhat depressing, the daily challenges for parents of children with Special Needs can seem so much bigger. Read this, boost yourself, you are doing great!

5 Things Every Parent of Children with Special Needs Should Hear

1) You are not alone.

There may not be anyone else with the same combination of symptoms as your child but there are people with similar challenges. Find those people. You may never meet anyone with all of these same challenges as your child but I have a strong network within each separate diagnosis. I just have to pop onto one of my Facebook groups and I'm immediately reminded, I'm not alone.

2) You too deserve to be cared for.

We are placed in a position of caring for others nearly constantly. However, you still need and deserve to be cared for. That entails asking friends or family to bring a meal by every now and then, or going for a pedicure, or a date night, or whatever else you enjoy doing. Whatever makes you feel special and taken care of, take the time to enjoy it, you are worth it!

3) You aren't perfect—and that's ok!

No one is perfect. We all make mistakes. We can wallow in our mess-ups or move on! Try to shift your thinking, maybe there was a good reason you missed that appointment, that you were sure was on Tuesday but apparently was on Monday. Maybe your child had a tough day at school and just needed the night off. Who knows? But beating yourself up isn't going to change the situation, so try to move on.

4) Play is therapy.

After discharge from the NHS, seek extra curricular activities for your child that would offer therapeutic benefits; football, dance, bike rides, swimming lessons, all of this is therapy. Your child will be learning, having fun and getting stronger. Win, Win and Win!

5) Make time to enjoy your kids

Super parents tend to be fairly busy and often over scheduled. However, while everything on your calendar is important, it's also important to make time to play, laugh, be silly and just enjoy your kids. Read to them, snuggle with them, engage with them with what's important in their worlds. Make memories outside of meeting walls.

For more top tips, please look at the link below

<https://www.abilities.com/community/parents-20things.html>

This Week's Prayer



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

2020 is the 10th anniversary of Verbum Domini - Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation on 'The Word of the Lord' and the 1,600 anniversary of St Jerome's death. These dates have inspired the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales to dedicate 2020 as a year of focus on the Bible and 'The God Who Speaks'.

If you wish to find out more the official website address is: <http://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/the-god-who-speaks/>

Here is the prayer that has been written especially for the year:

Living God,
you walk alongside us
and speak to us throughout the
Scriptures.

Your Son, Jesus Christ, listens
to our hopes and fears
and shows us how to live for
one another.

Send us the Holy Spirit to open
our hearts and minds
so that we may be your
witnesses throughout the
world.

Amen

A possible big question you could discuss at home is:

How are words important
to us? How can we use
words wisely?

Upcoming Events

Friday 7th February	Year 4 Mass 10am all welcome
Tuesday 11th February	Parents Evening 3:15 - 6:15
Wednesday 12th February	School Class Photos
Thursday 13th February	Parents Evening 3:15 - 6:15
Friday 14 th February	Half term
Monday 24 th February	Pupils and staff return
Wednesday 26th February	Whole School Mass at St Peters - time to be confirmed
Friday 28th February	No Mass today
Friday 6th March	Year 5 Mass 10am all welcome
Friday 20th March	Year 2 and 3 Mass 10am all welcome
Tuesday 31 st March	RSE Parent Consultation 2:30pm
Thursday 2 nd April	End of term
Monday 20 th April	Start of term - pupils and staff return
Friday 8 th May	May Bank Holiday/VE Day
Friday 22 nd May	Half term
Monday 1 st June	Pupils and staff return
Friday 17 th July	End of Summer Term

Dates in bold are newly added dates

Dates for
the Diary: