

St Mary & St Peter Primary School Newsletter

Set Sail for Success

Newsletter Friday 29th January 2021

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Headteacher's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your support in what has been a very difficult few weeks for everyone, and not the start to the new year we had hoped for.

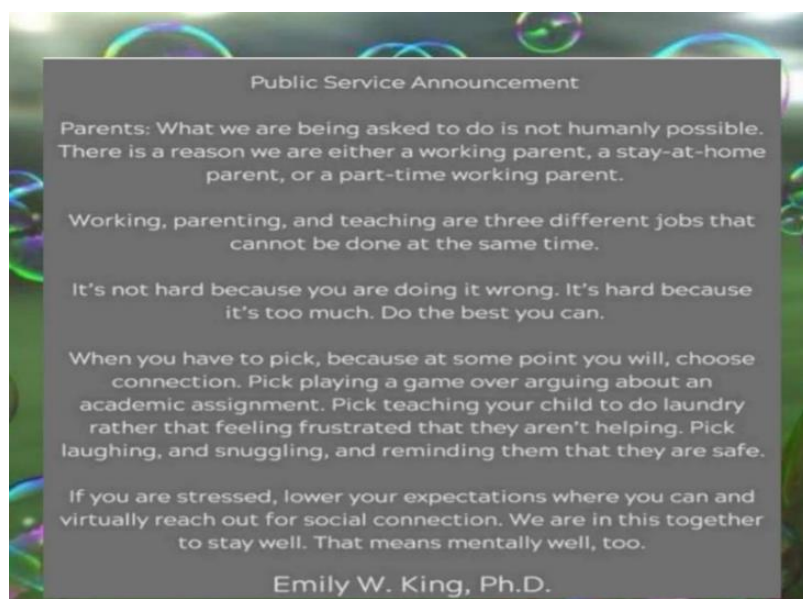
Week 3 of lockdown schooling. Lockdown is tough for our children; it is navigating waters again that we had hoped we never had to go back to. For the blended learning approach, I hope that some of the initial anxieties around this have begun to ease for you and your children. The staff in school and those working from home have settled into a routine of delivering some live lessons, prerecorded sessions and independent tasks for your children. However, it is important to remember that you are your child's first teacher and can offer so many valuable lessons for them away from the screen and away from the set tasks they have been given by school. I thought this passage to be very pertinent right now:

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*



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As always, we will offer any support we can and if you need a phone call with a member of staff or a zoom session then please let us know and we will be happy to talk things over with you and hopefully let you know you are not alone.

If there has been any changes in your financial situation and you need support or sign posting, please contact the school for further advice.

Next week sees us begin to introduce Lateral Flow Testing for all members of staff working in school. This is not mandatory and therefore only staff opting into this will be tested. Staff will twice weekly use a testing kit to self-test, and report their results to myself and to NHS Test and Trace. This is primarily to identify anyone who is asymptomatic and help us isolate close contacts much more efficiently. If a member of staff tests positive using the LFT kit we will isolate the bubble they work in immediately and they will need to arrange a full PCR test, whilst themselves following isolation guidelines. Once we have the full test result back we can then take further advice from Public Health England. More frequent testing may lead to more frequent bubble closures so it is important to be aware of this, hopefully for the majority of time the outcomes of the testing remain negative and that is the best outcome we can pray for.

Questions I wish my parents had asked me

YOUNGMINDS

#Take
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Who are the people you feel safe with?

Is there anything you want to talk about?

When was the last time you were very happy?

What makes you feel calm?

If you could change anything in your life what would it be?

What difficulties are you facing now?

What can I do to help?

I can tell that you really like *insert video game/ app/tv show/fossil collection*, what about it do you love so much?

Where is a place you feel safe?

Do you have any worries about starting a new school?

What are you most looking forward to this week?

It's okay to keep stuff private, but did you want to tell me more about *insert subject*?

How are you coping since your dad died?

What are you worried about when you lie in bed and can't sleep?

What are you most dreading this week?

How do you feel about things changing?

Is there a lot of picking on people at your school?

Is there anyone who is upsetting you?

How do you feel about growing up? What's exciting, what's scary?



We are very excited to announce the Linguamarque Bronze Achievement for our school that was awarded this week.

Below gives some information about what this means:

Linguamarque is a structured approach to the development of languages which covers all the support and guidance that schools need in planning for excellent teaching and learning, progression, assessment, recording and transition.

Linguamarque supports the development of Primary Languages within the curriculum, in line with the British government recommendations and Programme of Study (National Curriculum). It provides a methodology to benchmark and define achievement and incorporates best practice in this curriculum area.

Linguamarque is also an accreditation scheme (Bronze, Silver and Gold). Starting at the Bronze level, schools progress to the next level upon successful completion of the previous level's criteria - working through Linguamarque's accreditation levels at their own pace and using the teaching resources available.

A big thank you to Mrs Short and Mrs Rawling for all their continued hard work and making this fantastic achievement happen. We are very excited for this to continue, and be led by our new Languages Lead, Miss Nobes.

Lent - CAFOD Walk for Water

Walk for Water is a challenge to walk and raise money for those who do not have access to water. We are using lockdown exercise walks to unite with people who walk ten hours a day to fetch water, and raise money. You could get sponsored by the number of steps, by the distance you walk or by the number of walks. Please go to Wisepay to donate and support this fantastic cause. Follow the link to find out more:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Walk-for-Water>

New Admissions Policy Consultation

We only have a few days left until 31st Jan 2021, for our new Admissions Policy 2022 parent consultation, comes to an end. Please follow the link below or go to our website in the Policy section.

<https://www.smspprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/St-Mary-and-St-Peter-Admission-Policy-CONSULTATION-1.pdf>

If you would like to make any comments or ask any questions please contact the school office.

Parents Evening

There will be no parents evening this half term. If you have any questions regarding your child's learning, please do not hesitate to get in contact with your child's class teacher.



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with the class
teacher.*

Help in a crisis

<https://www.nsfth.nhs.uk/Find-help/Pages/Help-in-a-Crisis.aspx>

FirstResponse is a 24/7 helpline offering immediate advice, support and signposting for people with mental health difficulties.

If you are experiencing something that makes you feel unsafe, distressed or worried about your mental health you can now call the helpline on **0808 196 3494**

Norfolk and Waveney Mind telephone support line

The Telephone Support Line provides a listening ear, emotional support, coping strategies, signposting and practical advice for people living in Norfolk and Waveney. This includes help with developing plans to tackle and limit crisis situations.

Visit the Norfolk and Waveney Mind helpline website, or call **0300 330 5488**, to find out more about accessing this support.

Opening times: weekdays 4pm - midnight, weekends 10am - midnight.

Experiencing low mood, stress or anxiety?

Self-refer to our Wellbeing services, which are run in partnership with the Mind charity.

Visit www.wellbeingnands.co.uk

or call **0300 123 1503**

If you have more complex problems, visit your GP and discuss how you are feeling. They can refer you into our services, if appropriate.

Just One Norfolk

<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/>

The 'go to' health website for Norfolk.

This Week's Prayer

Prayer



Protection Prayer
May the light of God surround you...
May the love of God enfold you...
May the power of God protect you...
May God place His Healing Hands
upon you and heal you quickly....
May the presence of God watch over you....
Wherever you are God is.
Amen.



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

Upcoming Events

Friday 5 th March	World Book Day
Friday 26 th March	End of Term
Monday 12 th April	Pupils return
Friday 28 th May	Half term begins
Monday 7 th June	Pupils return
Wednesday 23 rd June	New Reception intake parents evening 2021
Friday 2 nd July	School reports emailed to parents
Tuesday 6 th July	Sports Day KS1am KS2pm
Friday 9 th July	Year 6 Performance 6pm
Friday 16 th July	Last day of term 1pm finish
2 nd and 3 rd September	INSET (Staff only)
Monday 6 th September	Pupils return



Dates for
the Diary: