

# St Mary & St Peter Primary School Newsletter

## *Set Sail for Success*

Newsletter Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Executive Headteacher: Mrs. Priscilla Crane

Senior Teacher: Miss Sarah Cullum

SENCo: Mrs Michelle Unstead



### 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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## Headteacher's News

### Welcome back to a new term!

Each morning I have been wandering around the school to welcome new and old families back to school and it has been a real joy to see our school return back to most of our usual routines. The sun was shining for us all and I believe that it was God's sign that this academic year will be brighter for us all.

A huge welcome to all our new families, parents and pupils; I am Mrs. Priscilla Crane and I have been the Executive Headteacher since February 2019, also supporting St Mary's RC Primary School in Lowestoft. However, for this autumn term, whilst we recruit a new Head of School, I will be in and around the school more frequently.

I really welcome parental conversation and feedback, so if you see me around in the morning or after school, please do not hesitate to stop me for a chat.

## Roald Dahl Dress Up Day - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September we will be participating in our annual Roald Dahl dress up day.

Every year at the start of the autumn term, Roald Dahl Dress Up Day provides all children the opportunity to appreciate the contribution that Roald Dahl made to children's literature and it encourages us all to get back into reading and enjoying a book – a focus for our school.

Children can choose to dress up favourite Roald Dahl character or wear non-school uniform and bring in their favourite Roald Dahl book to share or another favourite author.

Most importantly we want children to think about reading and explore a range of books that they may not have considered. If you wish to donate to this charitable cause, please do this on Wisepay.



*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.*

## Covid Risk Assessment and Symptoms

This is to remind all parents that a copy of our school risk assessment is located on the policies page of our school website. This details the measures we are taking to keep all of our school community safe. When the weather is cooler, please remember to dress your child in additional layers and bring a school coat this is because our classrooms will feel a little cooler with all the windows open throughout the day.

**Key symptoms of COVID are:** a new continuous cough and/or a high temperature and/or a loss of or change in sense of smell or taste. If your child is symptomatic, please keep them at home and book a PCR test.

## Parental Parking outside the school

We have received a number of complaints from the school's neighbours regarding inconsiderate, and often illegal, parking by parents accessing the school in the mornings and afternoons, including parking across private driveways or mounting the lawn outside a resident's home.

As with the majority of primary schools in the country, we do not have a 'parent' car park. If you do need to drive to drop off or collect your child please park considerately and ensure you are not obstructing drives, garages or access to roads. **Please be respectful of our neighbours.**

## Labelling and Water Bottles

To avoid the mountain of lost property we have at the end of each term and to help us return belongings to the rightful owner, please ensure that all belongings brought into school, including footwear and school coats are appropriately named with your child's first and last name. Thank you!

We encourage all children to bring a water bottle to school each day to regularly hydrate, especially when we have the glorious recent weather. The best type of bottle for school are the sports cap or straw bottles. The screw top bottles are very fashionable but they cause the most spillages and the youngest children struggle to unscrew them.

## Staffing

I am very pleased to extend a warm welcome to several new teachers to our school: Mrs. Rosanna Agu, Nursery Teacher; Miss Olivia Cook, Year 3 Teacher and Mrs. Esther Butler, Year 5 Teacher on a Thursday and Friday to cover Miss Sarah Cullum's Leadership Days.

We also offer our congratulations to Mrs. Michelle Unstead, who has been promoted to Director of Inclusion. She will be leaving at the end of this term and we wish her the very best for when she takes up her new role.

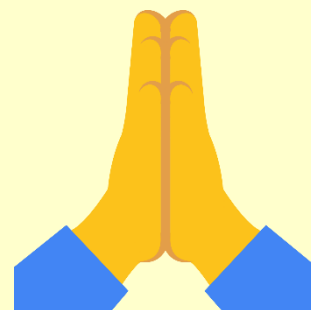
## This Week's Prayer

The theme for Education Sunday on the 12<sup>th</sup> September is to thank teachers for their service and care, please offer this prayer for all the hard work and dedication offered by the teachers and support staff at St Mary and St Peter:

**Dear Lord,**

**Thank you for the gift of Catholic schools. Thank you for all those who have given their talents to educating our young people. Through the challenges they encounter each day, lead them to an ever deeper appreciation of the sacred duty to which you have called them.**

**Amen**



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

## Upcoming Events (new dates in bold)

<b>17<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Roald Dahl Dress Up Day	All Classes
<b>24<sup>th</sup> September</b>	World Languages Day	All classes
<b>5<sup>th</sup> October</b>	National Libraries Week	More info to follow
The following Curriculum Evenings will either be in person in school or held remotely, we will follow COVID guidance closer to the time.		
<b>18<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Curriculum Evening Y5 and Y6	More info to follow
<b>19<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Curriculum Evening Y3 and Y4	More info to follow
<b>20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Curriculum Evening Y1 and Y2	More info to follow
<b>21<sup>st</sup> October</b>	Curriculum Evening Early Years	More info to follow
<b>25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> October HALF TERM School Closed</b>		
<b>15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Anti-Bullying Week	Activities to follow
<b>10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Jumper Day	All classes non-uniform day
<b>20<sup>th</sup> December to 3rd January Christmas Holidays</b>		
<b>4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	INSET Day	School closed to all pupils
<b>5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Pupils Return for the spring term	

To access all school term dates for the academic year, please visit our [school website](#)

