

St Mary & St Peter Primary School Newsletter

Set Sail for Success

Newsletter Friday 5th November 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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School News

Announcement

We are delighted to announce the appointment of a new Executive Headteacher to replace Mrs Crane, who will sadly be leaving us at the end of this term.

Mrs Helen Armstrong is currently the Headteacher of St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Poole, Dorset. She brings a wealth of experience of leadership in Catholic schools and we are very much looking forward to working with her. Mrs Armstrong will be joining us after the February half-term. We have therefore made transitional arrangements for the first half of the spring term, in order to ensure strong continuity. We shall be welcoming Mr Alan Williams to fulfil the crucial role of Interim Headteacher. Miss Sarah Cullum will be Acting Assistant Headteacher, and Miss Danielle Melton will be Acting Senior Teacher.

Mrs Sam Barlow, Executive Headteacher of the Catholic Schools of the Waveney Valley, will be providing an additional level of help. We are grateful to her and to all other members of the St John the Baptist Multi Academy Trust who will be lending their support during this important handover period.

Mr John Harris
Chair of Governors

Our Upcoming Events

Odd Socks Day

Odd Socks Day marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week and this year it's taking place on **Monday 15th November**. Uniform will be worn as usual but we want to encourage everyone to wear the boldest odd socks on this day to raise awareness of bullying. Ultimately, the day is about having fun and to give everyone a chance to express themselves and celebrate our uniqueness.

We will also be participating in Children in Need Day on **Friday 19th November**.



This is a non-uniform day and we are encouraging pupils and staff to wear Pyjamas! Please log into Wisepay to make a donation and purchase merchandise which we will give out in school.



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.



Keeping Children Safe: NSPCC PANTS

In each of our classes over the next term and when necessary, across the school year, we will be teaching children about PANTS (the underwear rule) and how to keep themselves safe. This is taught in a very child friendly way using the [NSPCC](#) Pantosaurus resources and you might find that your child comes home and wants to tell you all about it. The link above offers more resources for parents if you wish to continue the learning at home together. If you have any further questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Privates are private

Always remember that your body belongs to you

No means no

Talk about secrets that upset you

Speak up, someone can help

School Visits for September 2022 Admission

We will be holding school visits for children due to start Nursery or Reception classes from September 2022 on Monday 22nd November between the hours of 1-2pm then again on Friday 26th November between the hours of 9.30-10.30am and 3.30-4pm. Any prospective parents or carers wanting to visit must email the school office office@smspprimary.norfolk.sch.uk or telephone 01493 445117 to book an appointment.

Staffing

Mrs Ricketts, who has been a class teacher at this school for 15 years will sadly be leaving us at Christmas to pursue other interests. I am sure you will join me in wishing her well. We are in the process of recruiting her replacement and further information will be shared when available.

I am pleased to announce that we have appointed our new SENCo, Miss Fiona Ridgwell, who will join the team in January following Mrs Unstead's departure at the end of this term. Mrs Unstead is leaving to become an Inclusion Lead for another Trust and I am sure you will join me in wishing her every success in her new role.

Christmas Dinner

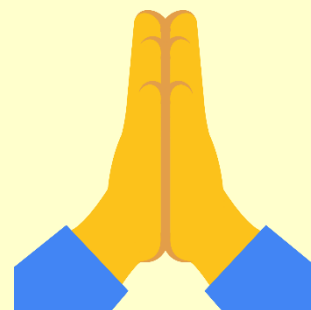
The deadline for booking your child's Christmas Dinner for Friday 10th December has now passed. Please ensure that those children who have not booked a Christmas Dinner, bring a home packed lunch on this day.

This Week's Prayer

November 1st was All Saints Day and on this solemnity we honour all the saints, both known & unknown:

They left their mark on the earth for you, for us, for our children to come. Thank you, God, for the tremendous sacrifices made by those who have gone before us. Bless the memories of your saints, God. May we learn how to walk wisely from their examples of faith, dedication, worship, and love.

Amen



St Mary and St Peter, Pray for us.

Upcoming Events (new dates in bold)

15 th November	Odd Socks Day – please wear odd socks	Info to follow
15 th November	Anti-Bullying Week	Activities in class
19 th November	Children in Need Day	Pyjama Day
23rd November	KS1 Sounds4Christmas	CANCELLED by organisers
22nd & 26th November	September 2022 Nursery and Reception Parent Visits	
2 nd December	Y1&2 Norwich Advent Cathedral Trip	
10 th December	Christmas Jumper Day	All classes non-uniform day
10 th December	Christmas Dinner	Book on Wisepay
14th December	KS2 Carol Service at St Peter's	1.30pm
15th December	EYFS Nativity Play	Details to follow
16 th December	Whole School Trip to the Panto	Gorleston
17 th December	School finishes at 3pm for Christmas	
20th December to 3rd January Christmas Holidays		
4 th January	INSET Day	School closed to all pupils
5 th January	Pupils Return for the spring term	
7th February	Parents Evening Day 1	Info to follow
9th February	Parents Evening Day 2	Info to follow
14th February to 18th February HALF TERM		
3 rd March	World Book Day	Dress up as a Character
18 th March	Red Nose Day	Info to follow
1 st April	School finishes at 3pm for Easter	
4th April to 18th April Easter Holidays		
19th April	INSET Day	School closed to all pupils
20th April	Pupils return for the summer term	
22nd July	School finishes at 1.30pm for Summer Holidays	

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

