

St Mary & St Peter Primary School Newsletter

Set Sail for Success

Newsletter Friday 17th December 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*

Executive Headteacher Goodbye

End of Autumn Term

A huge thank to you all for your continued support and encouragement of all our young people at St Mary and St Peter. I feel very privileged and proud to have worked alongside some very special and talented individuals (pupils, parents and staff team).

Since starting the school as Executive Headteacher in early 2019 I have been impressed with the dedication of staff and the support of our parents and local partners in driving achievements and successes forwards. Some examples include, achieving the Arts Mark Silver Award, achieving Bronze Linguamarque, school events such as sports days, concerts and Lego workshops, and links with charity organisations to name just a few.

I have enjoyed every moment of my time at St Mary and St Peter and although I am sad to be leaving such a wonderful school community, I am excited for the future and I will continue to pray for the continued success of our school and the next chapter it begins.

Further to previous communication, from January Mr Alan Williams will be the interim Headteacher. Sam Barlow will be an additional support for the school as the interim Executive Headteacher until Helen Armstrong joins as the substantive Executive Headteacher in late February.

Once again, to all the parents, governors, staff and pupils, thank you for all your kind words, support and patience. I wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year:

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you. May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Amen

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Mrs P Crane
Executive Headteacher

Reception Class Teacher

We say goodbye to Mrs Ricketts officially at the end of this term and we wish her well and hope that she feels much better as time goes on. We have successfully recruited her successor who will join the school in April 2022. As soon as her local school inform their parents, we will provide you further details in the spring term.

Unfortunately, Mrs Webber Walton will not be continuing with the class in January because she needs to reduce her hours significantly. She has been a real asset to the class team and a great support. We are grateful for all her dedication these last few weeks and wish her the very best. From January, **Rachel Ballanger will be teaching Reception Class full time until Easter** and I am sure you will join us in welcoming her to the class team for the spring term.



Pudsey with Year 1

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.

SENCo

We said goodbye to Mrs Unstead this week as she leaves to take a promotion in another Norwich based Trust. Mrs Fiona Ridgwell will be the new SENCo from January and she will be making contact with all our parents of SEN children in January. Please use the SENCo email address as found on our website if you wish to contact Miss Ridgwell in the spring term.

Updated guidance for close contacts

From today, adults who are fully vaccinated and all children and young people aged between 5 to 18 years and 6 months identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, **are strongly advised to take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days** and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result. Further information can be found in the [gov.uk publication](https://www.gov.uk/publication)

New Parent Support Adviser for January

We are pleased to announce that The Benjamin Foundation has finally been able to recruit a replacement for Soo Strong. **Annabelle Parsons** will join the school on Wednesday 5th January. Further communication and details will be sent out to all parents in the new year.

James Paget Hospital Charity

A huge thank you to all our parents and carers who were able to join us for the KS2 Carol Service, the KS1 Christmas Show and the EYFS Nativity – the children did us all proud! Your generous donations at the end of each performance meant that we have raised nearly £200 for the James Paget Hospital Charity. Thank you sincerely for all your support. God bless.

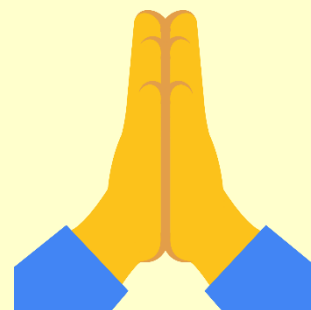


This Week's Prayer

A Christmas Blessing:

May love come alive within your heart as Christmas time draws near. May hope fill each room you decorate and bring joy to those you hold dear. May peace be before you at every meal and faith ring through every song. For Christ is alive, the light of the world, may he bless you all season long.

Amen



St Mary and St Peter, Pray for us.

Upcoming Events (new dates in bold)

17 th December	School finishes at 3pm for Christmas	
20 th 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	8.30am
7 th February	Parents Evening Day 1	Info to follow
9 th February	Parents Evening Day 2	Info to follow
14 th February to 18 th 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	
4 th April to 18 th April Easter Holidays		
19 th April	INSET Day	School closed to all pupils
20 th April	Pupils return for the summer term	
27 th to 29 th June	Y6 Residential	See separate letter
22 nd July	School finishes at 1.30pm for Summer Holidays	

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

