

# ST MARY'S NEWS

St Mary's Catholic Primary School and Nursey, Southam | September 18<sup>th</sup> 2020



## FROM THE HEAD



Sadly, due to the Covid 19 pandemic there will be no swimming this academic year, which I know will be a disappointment to many. We are however hoping to resume Forest School in the near future.

Welcome to Mrs Worrall in the office. Already you have made many great changes, most noticeably the newsletter, which feels like it has a new lease of life. Welcome also to Mrs O'Leary and Mrs Turner who are both volunteering several sessions a week in KS2. We are very grateful for your generous giving of your time.

Many children across the school have taken up new responsibilities (see overleaf for who's who); we have new librarians, House Captains, Vice Captains and Sports Captains. Ms Righton will also be facilitating the school council. We look forward to all the changes and improvements they will lead. **Mrs Price**

## What's New

Welcome presentations from the teachers, full of useful routines, key dates and info are now available on our website for [Goldfinches](#), [Kingfishers](#) and [Skylarks](#). Robins parents – Big and Little – will continue to get all their updates via our Tapestry app. (New Robins parents please complete and return the set up form to ensure you can access the app.)

We've been moving more and more into the digital world – rapidly since COVID – but also in incremental steps to save school resources and be more environmentally responsible.

Goldfinches homework is paper-free in Google Classroom – but we know this doesn't necessarily work for everyone. If you have need of paper



copies, or want to loan one of our school iPads for educational purposes, please contact your class teacher or the office.

Knowing whether or not to send your child to school can be difficult; please see attached information about how to differentiate between cold, flu and COVID symptoms; if in doubt please call the office.

Apologies, last week we introduced Ms Chorlton as our new NVQ teacher – this should have read Ms Dymond.

This newsletter is being distributed by email and posted on the website; please contact the office if you need a paper copy or think we may not have the latest email for you.

## What you've been up to...

If you have any outside interests, news or successes to share, please let your teacher know – perhaps you'll be on these pages soon!

### ARCHITECTURE AT HOME

#### TRIPLE TWEET FOR SKYLARKS

As part of their home learning during lockdown, the Y5/6's participated in Introduction to Architecture lessons with resources supplied by the Royal Institute of British Architecture (RIBA). So impressed were RIBA with the finished artwork that they featured it on their Twitter page, not once, but **three times!**

- [Tweet #1](#), [Tweet #2](#), [Tweet #3](#)  
@RIBALearning #ArchitectureAtHome



### ROCK STAR PERFORMANCE

#### THE ROCK AND ROLL HALL OF FAME

Well done to our KS2s who've been putting in some serious session times practicing their times tables at speed.



This week's chart-toppers are:

1	<b>Elena Raiseborough</b>	1.15 seconds	Y5	Skylarks
2	<b>Luiza Ciobanu</b>	1.17 seconds	Y6	Skylarks
3	<b>Logan Crowther</b>	1.32 seconds	Y4	Kingfishers
4	<b>Ada Sztuka</b>	1.33 seconds	Y5	Skylarks
5	<b>Jacob Meredith</b>	1.36 seconds	Y5	Skylarks

## Getting ready for...

### HARVEST



Looking forward to our harvest collection, on October 2<sup>nd</sup> we have decided to still collect non-perishable food for the foodbank such as:

Cereal • Soup • Pasta • Rice • Tinned tomatoes/ pasta sauce • Lentils, beans and pulses • Tinned meat • Tinned vegetables • Tea/coffee • Tinned fruit • Biscuits • UHT milk • Fruit juice • and essential toiletries/ hygiene products such as deodorant

### HEART FELT PENS



### & HEART THE PLANET

Instead of having an assembly we have decided that each class will research into campaigns and charities such as Cafod and Water Aid. Year 3/4 will be collecting contents of pencil cases for the charity [Heart Felt Tips](#). This ties in with our values and virtues for this half term 'Curious and Active'. We are setting children the challenge of 'Thinking globally and acting locally'. We want them to get involved, changing what they can for the time being and using what they have learned to make small differences. One day they will be ready to make a big difference...



### This Year's

### Captains

Congratulations to our 2020-2021 House Captains, Vice House Captains and Sports Captains who are:

	ST GEORGE	ST DAVID	ST ANDREW	ST PATRICK
House Captains	Maisie	Charlotte	Scarlett	Cerys Mae
Vice House Captains	Zachary	Jacob M	Orlaith	Ada
Sports Captains	Lily-Mae	Seth	Florie	Theo

## STARS OF THE WEEK

Robins – Zakariah

Goldfinches – Alfie

Kingfishers - Peyton

Skylarks – Lily-Mae

## HEAD TEACHER'S AWARD

Charlie F & Chloe

### Gardening Galore + Can YOU Help?

- ▶ Our Robins have been a familiar sight in the garden this week and have harvested the Sunflower heads to look at the seeds – once they've finished the seeds will make a tasty treat for the squirrels.
- ▶ Thank you to the Y5/6 Skylark boys who've been filling the green bins with Autumn leaves, making sure our playground will be safe and tidy when the weather turns.
- ▶ **WE'RE LOOKING FOR:** Any winter vegetables or flower donations would be much appreciated, and if you can help weed the Prayer Garden please contact the office.

**COMPETITION:** Every shop relies on trucks and vans to keep their shelves filled. To celebrate National Lorry week, the Road Haulage Association is asking children (age 5 -11) to draw their best ideas for the side of a lorry. The winning design will be used on a REAL LORRY and win a £500 Amazon voucher for your school. The picture can be of anything, as long as it shows how great lorries are at helping us in the UK. **Deadline:** Friday October 23<sup>rd</sup> **Entries to:** [NLWcompetition@rha.uk.net](mailto:NLWcompetition@rha.uk.net)  
Download the sheet on our school website

## DIARY DATES

Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday October 14<sup>th</sup>

Early Years Open Morning for nursery & reception  
Contact the office to register

Friday, October 2

Harvest Assembly (in class)  
Foodbank donations please (see left)

Thursday, October 22

Parents Evening  
Details & safety measures to follow

26 – 30 October

Half Term

31<sup>st</sup> October

Deadline for applying to secondary school  
See online diary listing for links

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Open Morning

PLEASE NOTE THAT DATES ARE PROVISIONAL AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE / MOVING ONLINE.

Please visit our website for latest event details:

<https://stmaryssoutham.org.uk/events/>

### ASK ME ABOUT...

#### Hopes & Wishes for 2021

Next week, as part of a project with *Wish Upon A Star*, pupils will be sharing their hopes and wishes for the future; these will then be engraved on stars and displayed in Waddesdon Manor's wood as part of their events season of events.

### Librarians

Our new Librarians are Charlotte W and Orlaith, who have already improved the library with useful posters.

