

ST MARY'S NEWS

St Mary's Catholic Primary School and Nursey, Southam | October 2nd 2020



FROM THE HEAD



Dear Parents

All children will soon receive a short report from their class teacher. If they are new to our school, or are Robins, they will receive a call from their class teacher. Parents of children with special needs will also receive a phone call about their child. We would ask that other parents read the report and only request a phone call if they have concerns. Phone calls will last the same time as a normal appointment at parents evening.

Many more children are wearing coats, but I ask if all children could have them from this point onwards as the weather is now turning. Also, please provide your child with a game, writing pad or other activity that they can keep in their drawer or desk for wet dinner breaks.

Mrs Price

What's New

I have decided that to help Robins in the morning we will have them dropped off at their classroom by their parent/carer. I would ask that face masks are worn. Could you come through the side blue gate (to the right of school) where your child will be led into the brown fenced area by staff. You will then be asked to kindly leave as we not only want to practise social distancing but know that this is better for settling your children at the start of the day. You will be able to pass over a quick message, even better in letter form, but staff can't talk at length. The gates will open at 9.00am and close again at 9.10am promptly.

In the evening, the blue gate will open at 3.10pm and close promptly at 3.20pm. We have listened to your valid concerns and feel sure that you will abide by this system.

Any parent with children in other classes will have time to drop off via the green door and come around to drop off their child in Robins class. I really hope this helps and allows you to get familiar with Miss Maclean, their new teacher.

The system in place for Key stage 2 drop off seems to be working wonderfully well. Well done to all. Goldfinch parents will stay at the front of the school and are doing a wonderful job at socially distancing. I also appreciate all the parents that are now routinely wearing face masks at pick up.



WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO IN OUR BUBBLES...

ROBINS

We have learnt about why we have been collecting food for the foodbank in collective worship. We played the game 'Mani's Village' on the CAFOD website and learnt about the less fortunate in Nigeria.



GOLDFINCHES

This week we welcomed two new children, Mason and Noah to the class and they have both settled in really well. We have all been preparing for our Harvest Class Assembly today. We learned the Yum Yum poem and wrote our own Harvest prayers. We have had lots of generous donations for the food bank - thank you.

KINGFISHERS

We welcomed Chelsea to Kingfishers this week. Well done to the Kingfisher Prayer Leaders who have led collective worship beautifully for the past 2 weeks. Today saw the turn of Miriam and Logan - we really enjoyed taking part in their planned prayer activities centered around us all being special to God.



SKYLARKS

This week, collective worship for the Skylarks class was confidently led by Emily, Florrie & Orlaith. Gathered in the Y5/6 classroom, today's themes were The Creation & Harvest. In addition to a sharing of a song, a video and a psalm, a group of children also shared their Harvest haikus, which were planned, edited and published as part of their English work this week.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

WHOLE SCHOOL CELEBRATION



All our classes have been marking Harvest with their own activities throughout the week, culminating in today's Harvest Collective Worship.

This new weekly initiative in all four classes is proving to be a favourite moment for all, in our busy week.'

Before the Skylarks' session came to a close today, our children were invited to share and pray for their personal intentions:



ASK ME ABOUT...

FISHY FRIDAYS & GOLD HOUSE POINTS
Remember we have a special treat on Fridays with the return of Fishy Fridays, these will be served instead of Hot & Cold Deli Bags on these days. Jacket Potatoes are available every day. GOLD house points tokens and are awarded by the Head Teacher – they're worth 10 points!

St Patrick 93
St George 87
St Andrew 61
St David 60

★ STARS OF THE WEEK

★ Robins – Florence Fairholm

★ Goldfinches – James H

★ Kingfishers – Max F

★ Skylarks – Jack D

HEAD TEACHER'S AWARD

★ Grace B & Noah W

Thank you to Mrs Davies and Jack for tidying up the Prayer Garden in their own free time, it looks great!

(Get in touch if you can help us keep it nice)



Do you have what it takes to knock out star performers off the top spot??? The leader board hasn't changed since last week... Could you be next week's No. 1?

Miles of Fun...

every day

LAUNCHING THE DAILY MILE!

We are really excited to introduce The Daily Mile in school from Monday 12th October.

The Daily Mile is simple – we want to get children fit for life and fit for learning by encouraging them to run or jog for 15 minutes every day in school. It is a physical activity which promotes social, emotional and mental health and wellbeing, as well as a fun approach to fitness.

The Daily Mile will take place outside in the fresh air during the school day at a time of the class teacher's choosing. Children simply run in their school clothes and no special kit or equipment is required although we do kindly ask the children to bring in a pair of trainers in a labelled bag ready for each day. These can then be left at school or returned home each day.

For more information, please visit: <https://thedailymile.co.uk/parents-and-carers/> where you can also track our progress!

DIARY DATES

Thursday, October 8

Year 5/6 Mass at School
(Sorry no parents)

Wednesday, October 14

Flu Vaccinations YR – Y6

THE NURSES MUST HAVE YOUR COMPLETED ONLINE CONSENT FORM BY 6TH OCTOBER IN ORDER FOR YOUR CHILD TO BE VACCINATED
Letter on website & link [here](#)

Thursday, October 22

Pebble Blessing Assembly
Reception (Sorry no parents)

Thursday, October 22

Individual School Photos

October 26 – 30

Half Term

Saturday, October 31

Deadline for applying to secondary school

See online diary listing for links

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

⚠ OPEN MORNING UPDATE

Having reviewed our options with the Governors this week, we can't see a feasible way we can safely invite visitors into our school at present. This means our **Open Mornings** - originally scheduled for the 12th & 14th of this month – will now be an online event. If you have not already registered interest, please email the office to be added to the contact list.

