

ST MARY'S NEWS

St Mary's Catholic Primary School and Nursey, Southam | October 9th 2020



FROM THE HEAD



Dear Parents,

We have had a wonderful week in school. The children have been working really hard on many curriculum areas. Displays have gone up around school such as the one in the Reception called 'Here we are'. This wonderful text allowed the children to consider where we are now after the months of lockdown. They considered their dreams and wishes that were then placed in stars and hung from the ceilings or on wooden trees around the school. It was noticeable that the children often considered others before themselves. They hoped for the Common good. The children spotted the silver linings between the clouds in this period of the pandemic. A retreat that the staff watched and that was put together by the Salesians talked about the silver linings being a greater sense of Community and a return to kindness towards others.

Mrs Price

What's New

Thursday this week saw our first class mass in at least nine years. Skylarks prepared for this mass, saying all the readings and prayers of the faithful in a beautifully respectful manner. The hall became a sacred space and the mass flowed as Mrs Turner and Mrs Hall gave us music and words on the PowerPoint. Father Arul – who was celebrating his 29th anniversary of ordination this week – led the mass and children participated fully with all the responses. We look forward to Kingfisher's mass in November. We also look forward to Robins decorating their 2 pebbles and bringing them to school to be blessed on 22nd October (One pebble will stay at school in the prayer garden and the other will go home for them to keep).



Our Robins have now all received their very own Bookstart reading books to take home and we have also taken delivery of 150+ new books which will be in library circulation from next week.

Thank you to Mr Musk for taking the place of Miss Righton this week and next. Whilst the children have no doubt missed their teacher, it has been wonderful having another dedicated professional take her place.

Thank you to all the families that have been able to donate to Southam foodbank. Mrs Grey picked it up on Thursday after its required quarantine.

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO...

ROBINS

This half term Robins class have started our learning about nursery rhymes.

This week we learnt Humpty Dumpty and retold the story using hand-made puppets. We listened carefully to all the rhyming words and thought of our own rhyming words too!



GOLDFINCHES

Whose slippers are these? This week Goldfinches have been designing and making fairy tale slippers for their favourite fairy tale characters.



Did Jack need to rest his feet after climbing the beanstalk? Did Cinderella's feet feel sore after dancing with the Prince?

SKYLARKS

The focus text for the Skylarks class this term is *The Invention of Hugo Cabret* by Brian Selznick. Our Skylarks have met orphan, clock keeper, and thief, Hugo, who lives in the walls of a busy Paris train station, where his survival depends on secrets and anonymity. It truly is a beautiful read!



REMINDERS:



LEARNING LOGS:

All classes except Robins are currently working on their [Autumn 1 Learning Logs](#). These are due back next Friday the 16th. There is also a new page on the website about [homeschool and homework](#) including Curriculum Plans, Learning Logs and Google Classrooms as well as online learning resources. We hope you will find this useful.

TRAINERS:



Each child will need to have trainers in school every day from Monday for **THE DAILY MILE** – if you want to leave these in school, please bring these in a wipeable bag which can be left on their peg. Trainers should only be worn all day on PE days.

LUNCHES:



We've had a lot of forgotten lunchboxes the last few days; please do prompt your child to check they have everything before leaving the house. In these strange and uncertain times its possible many households are adjusting to changes in circumstances – and you may now be entitled to free school meals. You can apply online [here](#). For more information, please contact the school office in confidence.

STARS OF THE WEEK

- Robins – Charlotte
- Goldfinches – Delilah F
- Kingfishers - Chelsea
- Skylarks - Theo

HEAD TEACHER'S AWARD

Jimmy (James) & Scarlett

GRACING OUR GARDEN A huge thank you to Mrs Beynon for arranging the donation from Poppy's Plants of a fantastic St. Mary's raised wooden planter and plants – we'll find a prime position in the front of our school for this beautiful gift where you'll all be able to watch the fruits of your children's gardening labour.

TTRS: Our top five hasn't changed this week but we can see lots of children are trying really hard to topple them! A big shout out to Rock Legend Cerys-Mae for breaking into our top 10 this week and moving up from 11th to 7th place - Keep on rocking Cerys-Mae!



Cerys-Mae

DIARY DATES

Tuesday, October 13
Upbeat Music & Individual Lessons start (see email sent home)

Wednesday, October 14
Flu Vaccinations YR-Y6 (Only for those who have returned e-consent forms).

Friday, October 16
Reports to parents

Thursday, October 22
Pebble Blessing Mass Reception (Sorry no parents)

Thursday, October 22
Individual & Sibling Group School Photos

October 26 – 30
Half Term

Saturday, October 31
Deadline for applying to secondary school
See online diary listing for links

Friday, November 27
Inset Day

PLEASE NOTE: DATES ARE PROVISIONAL & MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE More dates and details are online at: <https://stmaryssoutham.org.uk/events/>

Our Class Mass

Thank you to Ms McAloon for organising a beautiful, socially-distanced service:



CAFOD Children's Liturgy



This Sunday at 10am CAFOD is streaming a special Children's Liturgy to mark Harvest Family Fast Day. Children are invited to dress up for the celebration liturgy which includes a special guest live from Sierra Leone- [sign up here](#)



ASK ME ABOUT...

How I'm feeling – and tell me how you're feeling too

It's good to talk and tomorrow is World Mental Health Day. The website has an [A-Z of topics](#) and a dedicated [children & young people's](#) section

- St Patrick 123
- St George 121
- St Andrew 112
- St David 94

