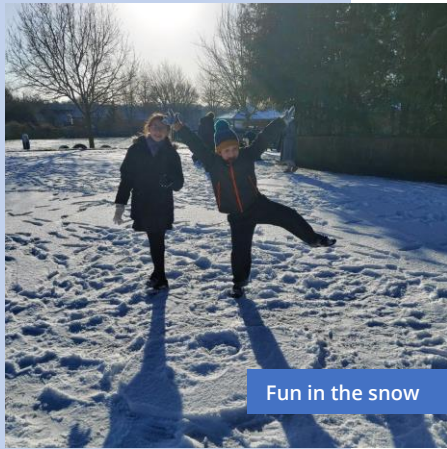


ST MARY'S NEWS

St Mary's Catholic Primary School and Nursey, Southam | January 29th 2021



FROM THE HEAD



Fun in the snow

What we've been up to...



Collective Worship

Dear Parents and Carers,

We started the week with a blanket of snow. Children, both inside and out, had lots of enjoyment playing in it and making snow men. There was an appreciation of this wonder of nature and gratitude that it had provided such a magical diversion.

This week we watched a live winterwatch programme from the BBC. Their website gives a taste of the clips that can be viewed; a robin singing, the smell of gorse flowers and foxes screeching in the night. You can test your knowledge of birds of prey or watch a day in the life of winterwatch wildlife cameras and all they capture.

In school, you will see in the photo that we have a whole display about hearts for carers. This week I will add the heart shaped Thank you prayers to a prayer tree in this display and also the statue of the Sacred heart of Jesus. This sacred heart symbolizes God's boundless and passionate love for mankind. There are many prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Mrs Price

Jessica wrote a lovely character description about Mr Botte, the little shoemaker.

Tuesday 26th January 2021

L1: I can write a character description

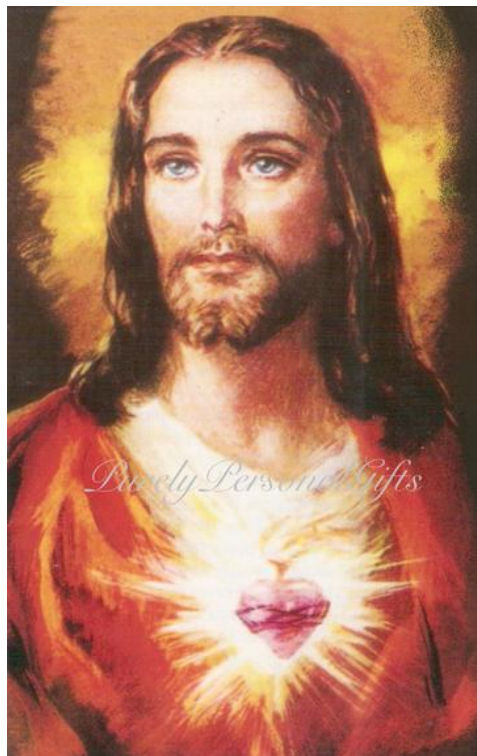
The little shoemaker has a friendly round face, with neat brown hair and an impressive mustache. The big square grey glasses sit comfortably on his long nose. He wears little black shoes and a long apron, hiding his slender leg. The little shoemaker might be short and stout, but he is a very friendly and hard working man.



Our Goldfinches have been getting scientific and making the most of the wintry conditions too exploring the properties of ice, freezing water and melting ice. Brrrrr. Enjoy the snow this weekend all.



Yum! Doughnut PopArt



Prayer to the

Sacred Heart of Jesus

Oh Lord Jesus Christ, to Your most Sacred Heart I confide this intention {name petition}. Only look upon me, then do what Your love inspires. Let Your Sacred Heart decide. I count on You. I trust in You. I throw myself on Your mercy. Lord Jesus, You will not fail me.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I trust in You. Sacred Heart of Jesus, I believe in Your love for me. Sacred Heart of Jesus, Your kingdom come. Sacred Heart of Jesus, I have asked You for many favors, but I earnestly implore this one. Take it, place it in Your open Heart.

When the Eternal Father looks upon it, He will see it covered with Your Precious Blood. It will be no longer my prayer, but Yours, Jesus. Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in You. Let me not be disappointed. Amen.

SOUTHAM COMMUNITY SPIRIT IS GROWING!

Thank you to local Southam Community group for the gifts of seeds for our pupils this week. The gifts arrived bearing the label: "Enjoy watching your seeds grow. Don't forget to water them! Have fun x" The group also kindly donated stationery gifts to pupils last term.



HOLIDAY CHILDCARE:

Half Term

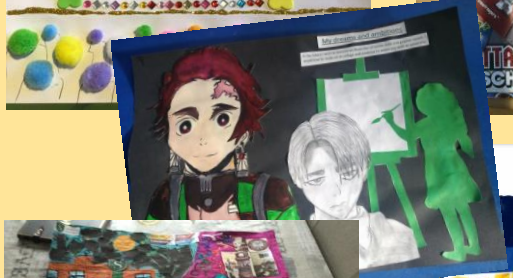
This half term, if you need childcare, do check out The Family Information Service's online directory. You can search for Holiday Schemes, Childminders and lots of other care services by postcode and distance: <https://admissions.warwickshire.gov.uk/synergy/>.

If you need additional support to find childcare please call the FIS helpline 01926 742274 or email fis@warwickshire.gov.uk

ART SCHOOL

COLLAGES FROM SKYLARKS

On the topic 'Personal dreams & ambitions', the classes collages included a dancer, a film producer, Lego designers, a gamer, artists, designers and a comic illustrator.



DIARY DATES

January 29-31

RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch
<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>

February 1 - 7

Children's Mental Health Week
<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

Friday, February 5

Learning Log Return Date
See Google Classrooms for details

February 12

Chinese New Year
The year of the Ox

February 15 - 19

Half Term
This year Lent starts during Half Term
<https://kids.kiddle.co/Lent>

February 16

Shrove Tuesday

March 4

World Book Day

March 14

Mother's Day

PLEASE NOTE:

DATES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE
More dates and details online at:
<https://stmaryssoutham.org.uk/events/>

TOGETHER BUT APART

We've been doing the same work in school as you have at home; you've made us hungry with your doughnut pop art creations and made us awww at your lovely pets in this afternoon's fun Zoom calls. Mrs Hilditch even brought in her guinea pig from home to guest star in her class' call – he was very well behaved albeit hard to see black against a black jumper! Thank you all for joining in the Zoom calls – with your dwarf hamsters, chickens, cats, dogs, rabbits and fish - and keeping on commenting on Google Classrooms and sending in work; it all helps keep us connected and one big united school community wherever we are.



GIRLS ALOUD

Bored of lockdown? Love to sing?

Join Warwickshire Choristers new Junior Girls' Choir Singing Workshop for girls aged 7-11 on 3rd February at 4.30pm on Zoom. The sessions are run by an excellent musical team, and are designed to be fun, physical and social, as well as teaching the basics of singing and learning some lovely music. Get in touch by email: choristers@choristers.org or fill in their recruitment form: <http://bit.ly/397v9wb> to be sent Zoom details.

STAFF TESTING UPDATE:

Staff began their twice-weekly testing routine this Monday. I'm pleased to confirm all were negative and we're working hard to maintain Covid measures to ensure this continues to be the case. We have however been advised, that in the event of a positive staff test, contrary to last week's advice, we would now be able to access a confirmatory NHS PCR test, ensuring no bubble is closed for longer than it has to be.



The Big Bird Watch has activities all weekend, including a quiz at 7pm tonight: <https://www.facebook.com/RSPBLoveNature/>

VIRTUES & VALUES.

Everyday on his daily walks Noah makes sure he walks past a couple's house where a man sits in the window. Noah waves to him everyday. He wanted to make him something so yesterday Noah dropped one of the colourful window hearts he made and a little note to say "keep safe".

We spoke to the man's wife and found out he has Alzheimer's and they are having to shield. Well done Noah, waving to him always puts a smile on his face!!



COMPETITION TIME!

CALLING ALL TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS!



How would you like to win yourself a Smiggle Voucher worth £15? All you need to do, is get rocking on TTRS! We will be checking the leader board at midday on Friday 12th February.

Whoever is in first place will win themselves a £15 voucher and second place will win themselves a £10 voucher to spend at Smiggle (you can spend this online!)

Please note, this does not include staff members - much to our disappointment!

Good luck all - get rocking!

Ms McAloon, Mrs Hopkins & Miss Righton.