

ST MARY'S NEWS

St Mary's Catholic Primary School and Nursery, Southam | October 1st 2021



From the Head

It has been a busy week here at St Mary's with the children (and staff!) settling down into their new routines and enjoying their new learning. This week alone we have achieved lots of wonderful things. We held our lovely weekly mission assembly exploring what being 'Green with envy' means; we learnt that jealousy can stop us from celebrating and encouraging others and Jesus asks us not to stand in the way of others' attempts to do good. We have announced all of our successful candidates for the roles of House and Vice Captains, Librarians and Sports Captains, the children are taking their roles very seriously and are coming to me with some terrific ideas of ways in which we can improve lunch times and our school library. If all of that wasn't enough, we celebrated another week of successful learning during our Celebration Assembly today. All in all, it may have been a busy week – but it has also been a successful one. We are immensely proud of how the children have been working since being back at school, but I would also like to say how proud I am of all the staff at St Mary's who have worked hard to ensure that the school not only looks like an amazing place to learn but for also making it feel like an amazing place to learn. Team St Mary's is well and truly back and we now can't wait to see what the future has in store.

Our children never cease to amaze me and I just had to share this beautiful prayer with you all, written by Gwen in Year Six. This is linked to the eight Beatitudes of Jesus. We can all learn a lot from Gwen's inspiring words.

Maureen Collier

Father in Heaven,
Please provide me with the strength and courage
To use my gifts and talents to help others
O Lord please help me and hear me

God Our Father,
Please help me to help those less fortunate than me
By gifting them kindness and to be as helpful as I can
O Lord please help me and hear me

God be in my heart and in my thinking;
To help people who are sad or lonely
O Lord please help me and hear me

Father in Heaven,
Thank you for helping me to be strong
and help others less fortunate than me
O Lord please help me and hear me
Amen

HARVEST:

Yesterday our KS2 children attended a Harvest Mass at the parish church. We presented a small basket to Fr Arul as a token of the produce you've all so kindly sent in for the G.I.F.T. team.

Please continue to send in your tins and packets of dried foods. These will go a long way to helping others in our community that may need some aid during these difficult times. The food bank will be coming in to collect the food hamper from the children in the last week of this half term.



ONLINE PARENTS EVENING: 13th October from 1:30 – 7pm

In order to keep our school community safe, we will be holding this via Zoom. Each appointment will be for a maximum of ten minutes and they will run from 1.20pm, with the last appointment being 6.50pm. Please use the online form which will be sent to parents shortly to tell us your availability so we can give you the most convenient time. If you wish to discuss something that may take longer than the allotted time, please make another appointment with your child's Class Teacher.

From our Chair of Governors

- ▶ Are you a parent of a child in our school?
- ▶ Would you like to play a part in its development?
- ▶ Do you have skills to share?
- ▶ Do you want to represent our parents' views and thoughts?
- ▶ Or are you just interested in what is involved in being a Governor?

If so, contact me through school and we can chat about next steps!

Angela Scull

★ SAVE THE DATE! ★

FOSM Welcome Evening

Come along to the school hall on **Monday 11th October at 7.30pm** to find out about our Friends of St Mary's group; what we do to support the school, and how you can get involved.

A great chance to meet other parents over a glass of wine! All welcome!



We Need Your Help



We asked for your help last week and we still need this. I'm sure that you will agree that the new windows and doors have given the building a face lift and now we want the outdoor area to have the same. Can you help with painting fences? Declutter St Mary's Secret Garden, restore some of our raised beds ready for the children to plant? Do you have an hour to spare one Saturday? If you can answer yes to any of these questions then please get in touch.

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

APPLYING FOR SCHOOL OR 3+ NURSERY?

Please get in touch to find out more about our caring school and meet our inspirational teaching team:
Open Morning
October 7th 9:30 – 11:00

"The school's values of love, patience, generosity, kindness & mutual respect are embedded across the school"
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ROBINS

We've had a very creative week in Robins class this week. We have made lots of lovely paintings, made dinosaur puppets and created our very own slime! We carefully mixed all of the ingredients together to achieve the correct consistency and then had lots of fun. 😊

DOVES

Doves have had another busy week of learning. In Maths they have working hard with their numbers and looking at different ways in which they can represent them. They have been making pictorial representations, building towers of cubes and using a tens frame.

In English, the children have really enjoyed retelling the story of The Little Red Hen. They prepared their own stick puppets and character masks and performed their story to the rest of the class. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

In RE Children have been learning more about Saint Francis of Assisi and have been discussing different ways in which they can help people in school and at home. They came up with some lovely ideas that Saint Francis would be very proud of!



GOLDFINCHES

Goldfinches have been working really hard this week. We were so shocked to find that our gingerbread men had escaped and had left such a mess. We used our detective skills to predict what had happened. We have been exploring stories from the Old Testament and how promises can be so important. We wrote some beautiful promises to God.

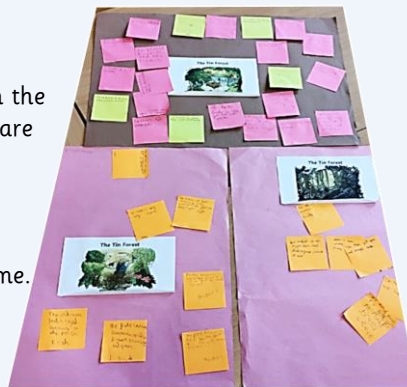
KINGFISHERS

Kingfisher class have located and named some of the main muscles in the human body as part of our science learning and we realised that we are using muscles much more than we thought!

We experienced a visit to church for our Harvest Festival with some eloquent readers who read with clarity, pace and confidence.

Presentation and pride in much of our work is improving all of the time.

We are working collaboratively and successfully in many learning tasks linked to our text The Tin Forests.



SKYLARKS

Skylarks have had such a busy week. In English, we are continuing reading Kensuke's Kingdom and it's getting really exciting now as the main character has fallen overboard into the Coral Sea! Will he survive?

Skylarks behaved impeccably in church again this week and should all be very proud of themselves.

We looked at the gifts and talents God has given us, linked them to The Beatitudes and then wrote prayers to God asking for his help to use these gifts to help others.

DIARY DATES

EVERY FRIDAY

50p Fridays are back! bring your pennies for yummy snacks and fundraise for FOSM

Monday, October 4th

12 noon Deadline for Parent Governor Nominations
[Vacancy Letter on website](#) or contact Angela Scull via the office

Wednesday, October 6th

Swimming Lessons Start Year 3/4 (after the refurb delay, this week we're finally on!)

Thursday, October 7th

Open Morning for new parents 9:30 – 11:00
PLEASE EMAIL THE OFFICE TO BOOK

Wednesday, October 13th

Online Parents Evening 1:30 – 7pm

Thursday, October 21st

Individual School Photos

October 25th – 29th

Half Term

October 31st

Application Deadline Secondary School Places

PLEASE NOTE:

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

UNIFORM – a plea

Please check your washing this weekend and return any items that aren't yours directly to your child's teacher AND get labelling! We have had so many missing uniform/ water bottle/ coat enquiries and if they aren't labelled it's really hard to help. Thank You

THANK YOU!

Crumbs... what good cakes they were 😊 Your baking (and eating) made us a whopping **£133.55** for Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you especially to our organiser Mrs Reeves for going to extreme lengths to make sure she had lots of Birthday Cake this year!

HOUSE POINTS

St Patrick 90
St Andrew 85
St David 63
St George 60

Stars of the Week

Little Robins - Vincent

Big Robins - Isla

Doves – Joseph

Goldfinches - Arthur

Kingfishers – Tallulah & Murphy

Skylarks – Sophia & Zachary

EXEMPLARY BEHAVIOUR

Robins	Loui
Doves	Amelia
Goldfinches	Lauren
Kingfishers	Mason & Hamish
Skylarks	Sofia & Theo

LUNCHTIME AWARD

Little Robins	Archie
Big Robins	Albert
Doves	Joshua
Goldfinches	Eliza
Kingfishers	Charlie & Miriam
Skylarks	Orlaith & Zach

