

ST MARY'S NEWS

St Mary's Catholic Primary School and Nursery, Southam | November 5th 2021



From the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope that you have all had a restful half term holiday, although that seems like it was a long time ago! The children have shown their resilience once again this week and have tackled their learning head on.

Our wonderful Skylarks celebrated All Souls Mass on Tuesday 2nd November with Father Arul, and once again read beautifully and represented our school reverently. During the month of November we remember all the people in our families and communities who have passed away and we keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

During this term we will be learning about the values of being Learned and Wise.



Learned: finding God in all things

Wise: in the ways that we use our learning for the common good.

Here are some scriptures linked to being learned and wise that you may want to read during this half term. In the Old Testament you can find the story of the Wisdom of Solomon 1 Kings 3:16-28 and in the New Testament the story of Jesus teaching in the Temple, Luke 2:39-52 and Signs of the Times and True Wisdom Matthew 16:1-3.

As Covid cases are rising, we are very thankful to those parents that are continuing to wear face masks on the school site for drop offs and pickups. We really are trying our very best to keep our whole community safe and this little act of wearing a mask will help protect us all.

At St. Mary's we are constantly striving to provide a high-quality education, therefore your views are invaluable in order for us to achieve our vision. As such I will be sending out a survey in the coming week as I would like to know what is working well and what we need to improve on. Please take the time to answer the questions on this survey and write your comments. This will help us to continue to work together in partnership to give our children the best possible education and enriched opportunities.

Bonfire night will soon be upon us and lots of our children and animals are scared of the loud bangs and flashes from fireworks. Please spare a thought for our pets and children and take care of yourselves whilst enjoying the celebrations. If you are going to any events wrap up warm and have a wonderful time.

One last thing – enjoy the Rugby this weekend for the beginning of the Autumn Nations Series!

God Bless

Maureen Collier

HEALTHY HAPPENINGS

A Quick Rundown...

As we have so many health-related activities on site this month, here's an overview of what, when and what's needed. Letters have been sent to all the relevant parents for each activity:

What	When	Who	How
Vision Screening	Monday 8 th November	Reception	Unless you opt out
Health Needs Assessment	Wednesday 17 th November	Year 6	Unless you opt out
Measurement Programme	Wednesday 17 th November	Reception & Year 6	Unless you opt out
Nasal Flu Vaccine	Thursday 25 th November	All except Nursery	You must Opt in OR Opt Out

CAN YOU HELP?

Moving the Goalposts...

Our Caretaker Ms Ireland is looking for volunteers to help erect the new goal posts paid for by our Sports Premium; please contact the office or talk to her to find out more if you see her on site.

STAY SAFE

★ STAND BACK ★

LET THE GROWN-UPS LIGHT THE FIREWORKS

★ HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY TIME! ★

School Photos

Your children will may have brought home a proof card this week in addition to the QR code they were given on the day of photos so you can see the lovely photos they had taken in school before half term. If you wish to have your photo delivered to school without incurring additional postage fees, you must order at www.nextgenphotos.co.uk using the details from either card on or before the deadline of 14th November.

Mental Health

Sky Blues in the Community are about to launch a new venue for MENTalk (our men's mental health project). This free, fun and welcoming project uses sports and physical activities combined with mental health workshops and socialising opportunities in a sports facility setting – and they're looking for new recruits (see link for other venues):

Tuesdays 11am-1pm – MENTalk @ St Nicholas' Park Leisure Centre in Warwick (CV34 4QY).

Wednesdays 11am-12.30pm – WOMENTalk (women's mental health project) @ St Nicholas' Park Leisure Centre in Warwick (CV34 4QY).

<https://www.healthwatchwarwickshire.co.uk/news/2021-11-03/mentalk-and-womentalk-new-mental-health-support-service-warwick>

ROBINS

Robin class have had another busy week exploring and learning. We became shape detectives and went on a Shape Hunt around school! The children learnt about Diwali and how it is celebrated. We tried Indian treats at snack time, made diva lamps using clay and then decorated them.

DOVES

Doves have settled well back into school and have been working hard on our new topic, 'In the Toy Box'. In English we are learning the story of the Three Billy Goats Gruff. In Design and Technology we are planning to make our own bridges to stop the Three Billy Goats from waking the grumpy Troll. In Maths we have been comparing objects by size and putting numbers into the correct order.

GOLDFINCHES

What a wonderful week in Goldfinches! It has been great to have everyone back in class this week and completed some amazing learning. We explored our new book for this half term - Patta's Pumpkin - we used our skills to predict what we think might happen in the story and some of us were very close. We have been excited to learn more about India in our topic this half term and have located India on our jigsaw of the world we created. In Maths we have been exploring money, recognising coins and notes and finding a total amount. We have been learning how Jesus called his disciples to follow him and understanding why Jesus chose those individuals. We took some time in our busy day to reflect on how we ourselves can have similar qualities.

Children now have a spelling book and will complete their spelling challenge on a Wednesday. Please also continue to read at home with your child, it is lovely to hear their progress.

KINGFISHERS

Kingfishers have been showing a continued and increased perseverance in their learning which has been really pleasing to see. Maths has been challenging; subtracting and exchanging numbers; everybody has pushed themselves to understand more each day.

Roman roads have been explored and plotted on a map - we have so many near to where we live. A funny text called Claude in the City has been shared and explored it has had us all giggling!

SKYLARKS

This week in Skylarks we have worked so hard. In RE, everyone wrote the most beautiful heartfelt prayers remembering the soldiers who lost their lives in WW1. Copies of these touching prayers were offered during All Souls Mass in church on Tuesday. Candles were also lit to remember those who were no longer with us.

In maths, we have improved our knowledge of equivalent fractions and simplifying them. Please encourage you child to complete their homework which consists of: spellings, reading daily and TTRS. We really appreciate your support with helping them with these.

From the classroom...



◀ There was an Indian theme in both Robins & Goldfinches this week ▶



DIARY DATES

EVERY FRIDAY

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



Monday, November 8th

Reception Vision Screening

Wednesday, November 17th

Health Needs Assessment & Measurement Programme
Y6 Both & YR Measurement only

Friday, November 19th

Children In Need

Friday, November 19th

**** new date ****

CHOCOLATE BINGO!

6 - 8pm, School Hall
£1 a book for the Bingo
Raffle, refreshments & snack bar.
All proceeds to FOSM

Thursday, November 25th

NEW NEW DATE:

Nasal Flu Vaccination (Yr-Y6)
Make sure you opt in or out using the online consent form before the 13th November cut off.

Tuesday, November 30th

St Andrew's Day
Regardless of your actual house, celebrate our House Saint on his feast day by wearing a blue or tartan item with your uniform.

Thursday, December 2nd

Early Years Open Morning
For Nursery & Reception 2022
PLEASE EMAIL THE OFFICE TO BOOK

Monday, December 6th

Wreath Making Workshop
Get in the Christmas spirit with this FOSM fundraiser event at school!
more details to follow

PLEASE NOTE:

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



EXEMPLARY BEHAVIOUR

Little Robins	Arlyn
Big Robins	Frederick
Doves	Vicky
Goldfinches	Cillian
Kingfishers	William & Ned
Skylarks	Zach D & Seth

LUNCHTIME AWARD

Little Robins	Leraya
Big Robins	Matthew
Doves	Finn
Goldfinches	Lauren
Kingfishers	Oliver & Inayah
Skylarks	Sophia D & Kaitlin

Stars of the Week

Little Robins – Pixie-Belle

Big Robins – Charlotte

Doves – Charlie

Goldfinches – Nevana

Kingfishers – Layla & Hollie

Skylarks – Sofia R & Gwen

HOUSE

POINTS

St Patrick 94

St David 71

St Andrew 65

St George 63

