

# ST MARY'S NEWS

St Mary's Catholic Primary School and Nursery, Southam | January 27<sup>th</sup> 2022



## From the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been very quiet in school this week and it is not a concept that we enjoy. We cannot wait to have all of the children back at school on Monday and to hear their voices and for them to fill the building with fun and laughter again. I am hoping and praying that we are now through the peak of the outbreak and that we can try to get back to our new 'normal' again.

Even though the Government have made changes and relaxed restrictions, Warwickshire Local Authority are updating schools weekly with their own recommendations, as local guidance supersedes national guidance. As you know, we as a school, had returned to keeping classes in bubbles, this will continue until half term as a measure to keep numbers of positive Covid cases down. We will all continue to wear masks in communal spaces and would ask that you continue to do the same when dropping the children off at the start of the day and when you collect them at the end of the day. We will continue to be vigilant with handwashing and the cleaning of the school. We will however return to after school clubs but children will be separated in to their year group bubbles so things will look slightly different. We would ask that you talk to children about this at home and reassure them that, please God, this will only be a temporary measure. These small measures help to mitigate the risk and hopefully allow us to function 'normally' as a school. I know that I can count on you supporting us in following these measures so that we can keep our school family and the wider community safe.

Just a reminder that this is the advice given by Warwickshire Local Authority that we must follow:

- All children (and staff) to have an LFD (Lateral Flow Test) three times a week on a Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday and the results to be recorded on: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>
- If there is a positive case within your household you must all test, using an LFD, daily and record the results as above.
- If the children or any other member of your household show any symptoms, such as those listed in the guidance, then they are taken for a PCR test.

I just wanted to remind any families, that if you need support you can always come and talk to us, we can't always promise to help but we will try to find somebody that can if we can't. If you prefer you can contact the Family Information Service, who offer support in the following areas:

- Finance • Housing • Childcare Provision • Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) • Family Relationships • Health and Wellbeing Services

The Family Support line is for everybody: Parents, Carers, Volunteers and Professionals too. It is open Monday – Friday 9am – 4.00pm on 01926 412412.

I would like to end this week by thanking all of you for your support and a special thanks must go to my amazing team, without them none of this would be possible! I hope you all have a relaxing and joyful weekend.

God Bless

Maureen Collier

Mrs Collier's

## RE CHALLENGE

Our challenge this week continues from last week – can you make a poster to show that ordinary time is not ordinary at all but a really special time for us to learn about the life of Christ during his ministry (the time he was teaching and doing miracles). You can share the places Jesus visited, who his Apostles were, what other important characters helped him on his journey, the miracles he performed, the parables he shared... in drawing, writing or any other creative way you can imagine.

I will reward children who take part on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February.

Look at some of the amazing work we have had so far from the children, with a special mention for: Miriam, Peyton, Layla and Jimmy.



## NUMBER DAY 2022

To raise vital funds for the NSPCC, we are asking every child to bring in a donation of £1 and come dressed up in a number or maths themed outfit on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup>**. Ideas include: a clock, a calculator, digits, numbers drawn on a top, a football or netball shirt or (for KS2) your TTRS avatar.



## FOOTBALL STICKERS

### Panini Classroom Challenge

**Children in Years 2-6 have been given a competition sheet this week for Panini football stickers to promote their new 2022 Premier League Album.** The best designs in each class will get a sticker album and a starter set of stickers.

**You only have until the morning of Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February to return your entry to school for a chance to win an album and be in the running to win a £2,000 cash prize for school!**



**Please keep sorting out 'good quality' items for RE-USE from home which we can turn into cash for our school.**

Bags are available now from school & must be returned by **9am on Monday 7 February – and no earlier than 3pm on Friday 4 February:**

Mens', Ladies' & Kids' clothing | Paired shoes  
Handbags | Hats | Bags | Scarves & ties  
Jewellery | Lingerie | Socks | Belts  
Soft toys | Household linen | Household curtains | Towels | bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

**NO: School uniform or corporate clothing**



[www.bag2school.com](http://www.bag2school.com)

## ROBINS

From the classroom...

Robins have been very busy exploring capacity in maths this week. Children at home have been investigating when a container is full or empty, and what language we use to describe this. The children then started using measurements to identify the container that holds the most. It was lovely to see the children using a variety of materials such as rice, pasta, water, and soil to work out which was the largest container.

I am very proud of the home learning this week, so thank you to the parents for supporting their children's development.

## DOVES

Doves have been working hard with their home learning, they have been sending in lots of fantastic examples of work and videos of their excellent reading. In Maths we have been practising comparing number sentence statements. For English we have been practising our writing skills building sentences and using 'and' to extend our sentences. In Geography Doves have been labelling maps to show the continents and the North and South Pole. For PE we have been doing Cosmic Kids Yoga at home, pretending to be penguins.

## GOLDFINCHES

Goldfinches have gone from strength to strength this week, both children who are in school and those learning remotely. We have been continuing to develop our knowledge of multiplying and dividing by 2, 5 and 10. In English we have made a fantastic class booklet with information on Buckingham Palace, The London Eye and St. Paul's Cathedral. The children should be very proud of what they have produced. In Topic, we explored physical features of London and created beautiful sketches of the Tower Bridge. We exceeded our expectations and, similarly to Stephen Wiltshire who inspired us, we completed our sketches from memory. Please continue to practice spellings, timetables and continue to hear your child read. As always, your support is appreciated.

## KINGFISHERS

This week in Kingfishers we have been very busy writers and artists. In our English lessons we have completed writing our own versions of the traditional tale, Horus the Avenger! We can't wait until they find their places in book corners across the school!

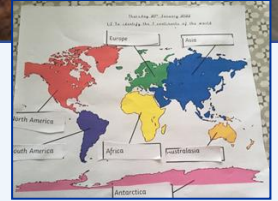
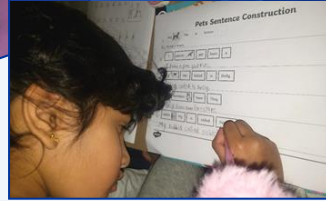
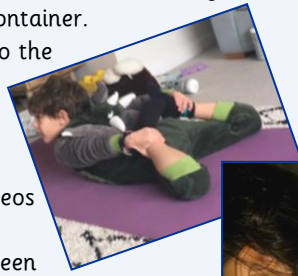
Please ensure your children are reading and practicing their times tables skills. They can practice times table skills using TimesTables Rockstars or play games on Top Marks website. In our topic lessons, we have been looking at Egyptian Gods and spent an afternoon using our sketching and shading skills! At the end of this half term we will be completing an art project. Please can you send in any empty milk bottles. Thank you for all your support!

## SKYLARKS

Skylarks have shown amazing resilience during our assessments this week. They have taken it in their stride and demonstrated a really mature attitude for which I am extremely proud.

In history, many children were shocked that when completing a timeline on Ancient Greece, they discovered that men had the right to vote over 2000 years before women.

A reminder too about "Numbers Day" next Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> Feb. I will be looking out for TTRS champions over the next week (so make sure you are logging on and competing every night) and for imaginative costumes!



## DIARY DATES



### EVERY FRIDAY

**50p Friday** - Now outdoors  
Snacks on sale in the carpark after school. Bring your pennies to fundraise for FOSM

### COVID POSTPONEMENTS:

**Thursday, January 27**

Magical World of Stories Workshop - Reception & Nursery  
\* £6 donation via ParentPay \*

**Tuesday, February 1**

Year 2 Scooter Safety Assembly - Warks Road Safety  
New dates will be advised soon

### FANCY DRESS FUN...

**Friday, February 4**

Times Tables Rock Star Competition & Relaunch AND

Mega Maths Number Day £1 Dress up as a number, maths-themed outfit or, for KS2, your TTRS avatar! FUN-raising for NSPCC

**Friday, February 4**

Bags2School Collection recycle your clothes & shoes with us to raise money for the school

**Tuesday, February 8**

Safer Internet Day

**February 21 - 25**

Half Term  
Back to school Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March  
\* Monday 28<sup>th</sup> is a school-specific teacher training day \*\*

**Thursday, March 3**

World Book Day wear pyjamas or dress up as your favourite book character and bring your favourite book

### PLEASE NOTE:

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

## HOUSE POINTS

St Andrew 94

St David 88

St George 62

St Patrick 39

## Stars of the Week

EXEMPLARY BEHAVIOUR

LUNCHTIME AWARD

BACK SOON

Returning next week

(like our Doves and Robins)

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY, DAVENTRY ROAD, SOUTHAM, CV47 1PS

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