

ST MARY'S NEWS

St Mary's Catholic Primary School and Nursery, Southam | February 4th 2022



From the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic week we have had here at St Mary's, I cannot describe the feeling of having all of the children in school – it is just delightful! There has been a great deal of excitement around as we celebrate Number day today. It is brilliant to see the children so excited about investigating maths in the world around us and why it is both important and relevant in every walk of life to be able to calculate quickly. Everybody looked amazing across the school and I would like to give thanks to all of my amazing team for creating an exciting buzz across the school. Special thanks must go to Mrs Banat-Rinz for organising this day (although I do think it was just an excuse for her to wear a pink wig!).

Chinese New Year took place on the 1st February and the celebration is centred around removing the bad and the old and welcoming the new and the good! This year is the 'Year of the Tiger', this animal represents strength, courage and bravery. These are all of the qualities that we aspire to be in our everyday life and we will continue to strive for this together!

Friday 11th February sees us celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. The title Lady of Lourdes was given to Mary when she appeared to Bernadette Soubirous in 1858 in Lourdes, France. On Friday we will celebrate by holding Class Prayer times as Our Lady is such an important part of our daily lives here at St Mary's. Maybe as a family you could find out more about the story and the miracles that have taken place there.



We are looking for volunteers to hear our children read, if you can commit to an afternoon once a week please let Mrs Banat-Rinz know and we will co-ordinate this. We want our children to be passionate about reading, to escape to another time and place and to love reading as much as we do.

To top all of the excitement we have going on in school (I'm not sure that we can), it is getting brighter in the mornings and the days are getting longer. Hopefully with spring just around the corner we can look forward to getting outside and resuming some of our outdoor learning more. After the half term break I will be looking to plan a weekend of painting outdoor areas and am looking for a working party to join me. The incentive, besides school looking amazing, will be the fact that I make a good bacon sandwich and tea. **If you have some spare time please let me know** and I will co-ordinate a few days.

You will note from today that you will be getting the newsletter and other important correspondence both via email and on the class WhatsApp groups. This is to ensure that you don't miss anything.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and that the sun continues to shine.

God Bless

Maureen Collier

Number Day & TTRS Relaunch



Any Forgotten £1s can be brought in on Monday

Bag2School - Bags by 9am Monday please

LAST CHANCE for 'good quality' items for RE-USE from home which we can turn into cash for our school. If you fill the donation bag and still have more then you can use any other bag - don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

Men's, 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 please



ROBINS

From the classroom...

This week, we have been looking at Chinese New Year celebrations. We changed our role play area into a Chinese restaurant and on Tuesday we enjoyed some yummy Chinese food. We tried chow mein, prawn crackers and spring rolls. Big Robins have been doing some amazing writing and we are so proud of them. Little Robins have been practising their rhyming words. We found it very funny when we saw a picture of a goat in a boat. Well done Robins, another amazing week!

DOVES

This week Doves have been writing their own versions of our story Leaf and making their own story books. In maths we have been learning to recognise and sort 2D and 3D shapes. For our RE topic, we have been learning about the Miracle Jesus performed like the feeding of the 5000. For Number Day we have had a great time weighing and measuring baking ingredients to make number biscuits and decorated them using the right number of sweets. We have also been on a number treasure hunt to crack a code. Super work this week Doves!

GOLDFINCHES

It has been another amazing week for Goldfinches. They enjoyed writing a character description about Paddington using adjectives and conjunctions. They are excited to buddy up and share these with children in Early Years. In Maths we have been learning about both tally charts and pictograms. We were able to show our new skill during science, where we are looking at what animals, including humans need to survive. We created on a tally chart on the most and least important for humans to survive. In RE we have been reflecting on Jesus' parables and what we can learn from them. Thank you for your continued support with reading and spellings at home.

KINGFISHERS

This week has been another great week for Kingfishers. I am so proud of how resilient the children have been this week whilst we have been completing our assessments. They have all worked extremely hard and persevered even if they found something tricky. This week we were also able to complete our Egyptian coffins and had a fantastic time creating them! Please continue reading and practicing times tables at home. At the end of half term, we will be completing another big art project so please send in any empty milk bottles. Thank you for all your support with your children's learning.



SKYLARKS

What an amazing week we have had in Skylarks- the highlight being "Number Day". It was great to see so many people making the effort to dress up as their TTRS avatars as well as other number themes. Everyone joined in with the various maths activities and really impressed myself and Mrs Hall with their teamwork, resilience and perseverance. It's been wonderful to see the whole class now using TTRS regularly too-with scores improving constantly. Seeing the buzz for maths around school has put a big smile on my face. Thankyou all for your continued support. I will be awarding TTRS certificates regularly from now on so keep playing.

DIARY DATES



EVERY FRIDAY

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

Monday, February 7

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

Tuesday, February 8

Safer Internet Day

Thursday, February 10

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

February 21 - 25

Half Term
Back to school Tuesday 1st March
* Monday 28th 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/>

EXEMPLARY BEHAVIOUR

Little Robins	Ben, Poppy
Big Robins	Freddie, Albie
Doves	Zachary, Delilah
Goldfinches	Alice, Cillian
Kingfishers	Oliver, Charlie, Casey & Tami
Skylarks	Riley, Jessica, Florence & Kaitlen

LUNCHTIME AWARD

Little Robins	Ben, Poppy
Big Robins	Freddie, Albie
Doves	Rogan, Ella-Rose
Goldfinches	Mason, Eliza
Kingfishers	Chloe, Mason, Miriam & Claudia
Skylarks	Affiea, Harriet, Ada & Layla

HOUSE POINTS

St Andrew 137

St George 120

St Patrick 99

St David 87

Stars of the Fortnight

Little Robins – Harper & Ivor

Big Robins – Ava & Loui

Doves – Finnley & Charlie

Goldfinches – Felicity & Ben

Kingfishers – Elijah, Delilah, Esther & Hamish

Skylarks – Sofia, Logan, Elena & Zachary