

# ST MARY'S NEWS

St Mary's Catholic Primary School and Nursery, Southam | March 18<sup>th</sup> 2022



## From the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

How do these Friday's keep coming around so quickly? We have had an exciting week again in school with **Science Week**. We are so lucky to have had Warwick University visit us this week and share some exciting hands-on experiments in the form of the digestive system this week. The children (and adults) have loved it! Special thanks must go to Mrs Hawley for organising this for us.

Can I please request that children are dressed in their **school uniform** each day (with the exception of their P.E day). I am noticing lots of pairs of trainers and hoodies sneaking in. I am very proud of our uniform here at St. Mary's and want children to feel proud of this too. Footwear should be black shoes; not boots or trainers. If there is a valid reason for your child not wearing school uniform, please advise the class teacher. The only exceptions to this are: P.E. days, dressing up days or birthdays.

Our **Lenten Charities** events have been a roaring success with this week's Break the Rules day. We have had eating in class, messy hair, make up, pyjamas and the list goes on. What a great way to support others less fortunate than ourselves and for the children to feel that they are making a difference, no matter how big or small. I am incredibly proud of our Skylarks class for organising this without much adult guidance or support. Next week is the turn of Kingfishers where we are dressing in blue and yellow and they will be selling cookies.

**Dogs** should not be on site at any time and I would request that these are left at the school gate please. We have had an incident this week where a dog has jumped up on a child and scratched them. I am on the gate so you can always leave your child with me to escort them into school.

**Places for Reception Class 2022** will be emailed to parents during Easter Holidays. When you get your offer letter, it will explain how you accept or reject the offer that has been made to you. Please do not telephone the school for advice as we will not be here and we cannot review any answer phone messages. It is important that families who put St Mary's first but are not offered a place at St Mary in their offer letter are patient.

- Offer day is the start of a process that takes weeks before we know our final class for Reception 2022. 30 pupils will be offered an initial place in Year R based on the criteria for admissions. Some of those families may not want their St Mary's place and in this case any places that become available will be offered in turn to the next person on the waiting list. We will not be able to tell you your position on the waiting list until all offers are made and the 30 places are confirmed as filled. Warwickshire County Council manage all of our offers until the waiting list becomes ours to manage, but being on the St Mary waiting list still does not guarantee a place will become available.

- Please note that late applications will not be considered until all on time applications have been processed. - There is an appeals process for parents who are unhappy with the school they have been allocated or have another reason to appeal, and Mrs Worrall will provide packs to parents who request one from 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

- It is important that you secure a school place for your child, even if it is not at the school you want. If you reject your offer school and are unsuccessful at any of your appeals, then your child will have no school place and will be allocated a place at whichever school has available places after the process of appeals is completed. We always advise parents to accept their offer school and secure their names on waiting lists at other schools they prefer.

God Bless

Maureen Collier

## Mrs Collier's R.E Challenge

### St Patrick

The children created some fabulous art work and information texts to teach us about the liturgical season of Lent. I cannot tell you how much I am enjoying seeing the enthusiasm and creativity still being generated by doing these challenges. Thank you for joining in!

Our next Mrs Collier RE Challenge will be to celebrate St Patrick on 17<sup>th</sup> March. It would be fantastic to get as many children as possible taking part. Draw, paint, collage, sculpt (or any other medium) a portrait of St Patrick or the symbol of the shamrock representing the trinity. Some will be on display in our church and there will be a special treat for children who take part as usual.

## A note from Fr. Anul

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

**Let the children' come to me...** (Mark 10: 14):

The parish would like very much to restart Children's Liturgy at our Sunday 10.00am Mass. We are eager to welcome families with children to take part in the Sunday Eucharist regularly. Please share this information with your friends & families. Spread the word!

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Children who have made their First Holy Communion are eligible to serve on the altar. Anyone interested in becoming an altar server, will be very welcome. Attending Mass on Sundays will be a great help to those who wish to serve on the altar.



## NURSERY & RECEPTION OPEN MORNING:

**Wednesday April 6<sup>th</sup> | 09:30 - 11:00**

**Come & say Hello!** We are excited to be able to open our doors and welcome prospective parents and their children into St Mary's to tour our fabulous facilities and see our thriving school and dedicated, friendly staff in action. Please email the office to book



## Lenten Charities:

The children have chosen **Father Hudson's Home and The Ukraine** as the charities they would like to raise money for during Lent. After a very successful Year 5/6 Break the Rules Day and Cake Sale today - thank you to all our bakers - the remaining weeks' activities are:

### Years Three and Four

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March

### Fly your Flag: Children to come in wearing blue and yellow to support the Ukrainian people.

If you are feeling really brave, they could spray their hair in those colours! Each child would need to donate 50p. **Cookie sale** - each cookie will cost 50p. Year 3/4 children to provide the cookies

### Years One and Two

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April

### Chocolate Hamper Raffle

Each ticket will cost 50p. Children can buy as many tickets as they like. Children in Years One and Two will provide the chocolate for the hamper.

### Nursery and Reception

8<sup>th</sup> April

### Slices of glorious toast!!!!

With lashings of butter (Gluten free bread and Vegan spread will be available) 20p per slice made by the fair hands of our beautiful children and staff

We'll keep you updated on our fundraising totals week by week. Thank you for your support of these deserving charities.



### ROBINS

We have had a lovely week in Robins class this week. We have been acting out the story of the Three Billy Goats Gruff and the children have got into character brilliantly! For the last few weeks, we have been collectively creating a volcano from papier mâché. This week, we have started to paint it! We have all really enjoyed having a go at different parts and the children are looking forward to making it erupt 😊

### DOVES

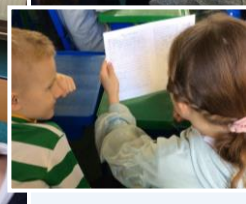
This week Doves have been working as Scientists for British Science Week, we have been learning about the digestive system from our fantastic visitors from Warwick University. We have also been Smashing Stereotypes and learning about the diverse range of people who work in the sciences, like Marie Curie who discovered radioactivity and Mae Jamison, the first black woman in space. In English we have also been learning about how to write our own wanted posters for a Superhero Sidekick. For the third week of Lent, we have been learning about the words and actions of Jesus as well as writing prayers for Jesus the light of the world.

### GOLDFINCHES

Goldfinches have worked extra hard this week completing assessments. They should be very proud of themselves; it has been amazing to see how their learning has improved. We have explored further the Great Fire of London and can now sequence the events that happened during 1666. We enjoyed an excellent science day with a live lesson about minibeasts and their habitats which inspired us to search for minibeasts during our afternoon break. Today is our turn for Stations of the Cross, and I am sure the children will be amazing, excellent representatives of St. Mary's at church. Have a well-earned weekend.

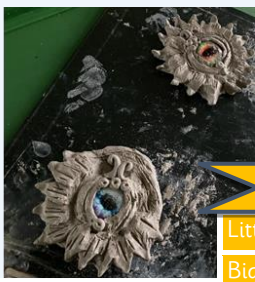
### KINGFISHERS

It has been another busy week in Kingfishers this week. We have worked super hard learning and practicing new skills to help us with our setting description writing next week and we have been learning all about comparing and measuring lengths in our maths lessons. As it is science week this week, we had lots of fun working with some adults from Warwick University to complete our 'Science in a Box' activity. The children interactively learnt all about the digestive system! We have also enjoyed sharing our diary entries, that we wrote last week, with Year 2. Thank you for your continued support.



### SKYLARKS

Yet another busy week in Skylarks. We were really lucky to have scientists from Warwick University joining us for science week. Those squeamish ones in the class found learning about our digestive system in a practical way using a pair of tights hilarious - as did I. We have continued with our love of dragons by making these amazing dragon eyes out of clay that we will paint shortly.



## DIARY DATES



### EVERY FRIDAY

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

### Friday March 18 @ 2:30

Stations of the Cross Year Two: Goldfinches

### Friday March 25

Fly your Flag: Blue & Yellow see front page for more info

### Friday March 25 @ 2:30

Stations of the Cross Year One: Doves helped by Year Five children

### Friday April 1 @ 2:30

Stations of the Cross Reception: Big Robins helped by Year Six children

### Sunday, March 27

Mother's Day & Clocks go forward

### Tuesday, March 29

Parents Evening Please check your children's bookbags, appointment slips have been sent home today.

### Wednesday, April 6

Open Morning 09:30-11:00 Spread the word! An opportunity for prospective parents to tour the school and meet our inspirational teaching staff.

### April 11-22

Easter Holidays

### PLEASE NOTE:

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

### EXEMPLARY BEHAVIOUR

Little Robins	Lereya
Big Robins	Frederick
Doves	Delilah P
Goldfinches	Elsa
Kingfishers	Maggie & Peyton
Skylarks	Lucy & Maya

### LUNCHTIME AWARD

Little Robins	Lauren
Big Robins	Frankie
Doves	Oliver
Goldfinches	Noah P
Kingfishers	Noah W & Lacey
Skylarks	Zach D & Florence

### HOUSE POINTS

- St George 303
- St Andrew 277
- St David 228
- St Patrick 148



## Stars of the Week



Little Robins – Leo H

Big Robins – Leo M

Doves – Flori

Goldfinches – Brody

Kingfishers – Oliver & Dougie

Skylarks – Max & Seth

