

ST MARY'S NEWS

St Mary's Catholic Primary School and Nursery, Southam | April 1st 2022



From the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another wonderful week has flown by and this weekend sees us begin the 5th week of Lent. In school this week we will be learning all about Holy Week and why this is such an important week in the run up to Easter Sunday; we are a week ahead as we are not in school during Holy Week itself. During the forthcoming week we will be journeying through the week starting at Palm Sunday – where Jesus entered Jerusalem to shouts of *Hosanna!* We think of the disciples entering this city feeling joyful to the end of the week where these hopes and dreams were dashed. Maundy Thursday – this is where the Last Supper took place and Jesus went to the gardens in Gethsemane. We will then look at Good Friday and Holy Saturday, through to the sacred resurrection on Easter Sunday. The disciples then saw what their mission was; they were sent out with the gift of the Holy Spirit to go forth and spread the good news (the gospel). This enables us to rise with the Lord and be filled with the Holy Spirit and to bring the good news to all of those who we serve, our families, our friends and the wider community.

EASTER HOME TIME PROJECT:

As we are journey through this period of the liturgical calendar I would like ALL children to create some things over the Easter holidays. They can either create an Easter bonnet, to show off on our cat walk on Monday 25th April or to re-create an Easter garden. These could take the form of the stone being rolled away from the tomb and I have enclosed a few pictures to give the children some inspiration. I cannot wait to display all of these throughout the school in our further journey to Pentecost.



UNIFORM: I have spoken with all of the children about how proud I am of our school uniform and that we all need to look smart and take pride in belonging to the family of St. Mary's. After Easter I expect to see all children dressed in grey trousers, skirt or shorts, white shirt or polo shirt, navy blue jumper or cardigan or the summer uniform of a blue checked dress. Children MUST wear black school shoes – not trainers or boots. Those with long hair must have this tied up and none of the children should be wearing any make up or nail varnish. I am sure that you will support us with this, but if you wish to discuss further please do not hesitate to catch me on the gate or call or email the office.

PARENT ENGAGEMENT: I will be sending out a further Parent Survey to be completed during the Summer term and would ask as many of you as possible to respond to this. We need to work together to create the best possible environment for our children to learn and excel in.

It was wonderful to have parents in for parents evening this week and I know the staff thoroughly enjoyed sharing the excellent learning that is taking place. I am hoping to begin to invite parents in more over the summer term – keep your eyes peeled for some important dates.

As you may know new guidance has been released by the Department for Education regarding Covid, we are awaiting firm updates from Warwickshire County Council as to how we need to implement this in schools. Once we have this I will share this with you. I would ask that if your child shows any signs of any respiratory illness that you keep them at home. We have had another confirmed case of Covid in our Early Years setting and we are also battling cases of Chicken Pox. I want to do everything in my power to keep all children and staff in school every day. For our Year Two children, this is their first full year in school and we need to keep this fulltime attendance going. This is why it is imperative that we all work together.

God Bless

Maureen Collier

FREE

Breakfast Club

Monday 11th, Thursday 14th
Monday 18th, Thursday 21st April
9-11am

Graham Adams Centre

St James Road, Southam, CV47 0LY
Cereal, Toast, Eggs, Beans, Tea, Coffee and Juice
Tackling 'Holiday Hunger'
Supported by Southam Foodbank
TESCO
Community Grants

Children must be accompanied by an adult

NURSERY & RECEPTION OPEN MORNING:

Wednesday April 6th
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



**Lentern
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 today's assembly fun drawing the Year 1 & 2 led 'Easter Chocolate Raffle' - the final week's activity is:

**Nursery and Reception
8th 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

Last week's **Yellow** and **Blue** Day raised another £170 towards our cumulative total – THANK YOU!

From the classroom... ROBINS

The end of another fabulous week in our lovely classroom! We have been looking at the story of the Three Little Pigs and doing lots of activities surrounding this. One of our activities was to retell the story using key vocabulary from the text. The children did an amazing job at this! Thursday saw a flurry of snow and some very excited children Well done Robins class.



DOVES

This week Doves have been writing our own Fact Files about Florence Nightingale. We have been peeling, chopping and pouring to make and evaluate our own fruit salad recipes. In Maths we have practising counting up to 50 and counting in 10s. In RE we have been learning about Jesus and his love of children.



GOLDFINCHES

Goldfinches have been working hard this week. They have been writing fantastic diary entries as Vlad from Vlad and the Great Fire of London. While also writing an information text about Samuel Pepys. It's been brilliant to see their enthusiasm and passion with learning and writing about events from the past. While the sun was still shining, we enjoyed searching for minibeasts in their micro-habitats. We have also created a Lenten labyrinth for use for prayer to remind us of the teachings and parables of Jesus. Thank you for your support and generosity this week for our raffle donations.

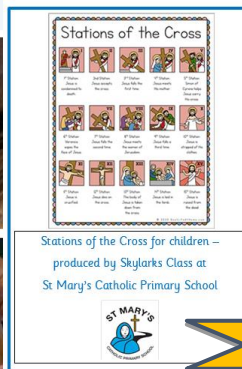
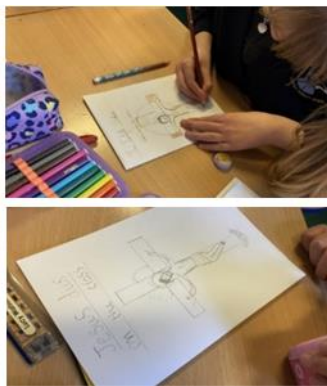


KINGFISHERS

This week has been another exciting week in Kingfishers. The children have been super busy in their English lessons writing up their information fact booklet all about Ancient Egyptian life. In maths, we are enjoying are fraction work and have loved carrying on our learning about mummification. This week, we mummified tomatoes - ask your children all about it! It was so lovely to see you at parents evening and I want to thank you for continued support.

SKYLARKS

Most Friday afternoons throughout March, Skylarks have led Stations of the Cross in church in front of other classes, their families and parishioners. We decided to produce our own booklet for children on the Stations of the Cross. We made one for our prayer table and another to put in church. In maths we have finally mastered adding really tricky mixed numbers with fractions Thankyou again for your continued support with attending parents evening and ensuring your child completes their daily homework of TTRS, reading and spellings.



DIARY DATES



EVERY FRIDAY

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

Tuesday April 5

Music Assembly
Hosted by Kingfishers
(by invitation only)

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.

Friday April 8

Slices of Glorious Toast!
see front page for more info

Friday April 8

End of Term Celebrations:
House Rewards Event &
Super Star Tea Party!

April 11-22

Easter Holidays

April 19

Reception Place Offer Day

April 25

Belated St George's Day
(for the 23rd) +
Easter Bonnet Catwalk
see front page for more info

May 2

Bank Holiday

May 25

Class Photos

PLEASE NOTE:

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

EXEMPLARY BEHAVIOUR

Little Robins	Vincent
Big Robins	Matthew
Doves	Ella-Rose
Goldfinches	Cillian
Kingfishers	Elijah & Miriam
Skylarks	Sofia R & Lydia

LUNCHTIME AWARD

Little Robins	Chester
Big Robins	Kabelle
Doves	Amelia
Goldfinches	Josh
Kingfishers	Antoni & Esther
Skylarks	Jessica & Jacob H

HOUSE POINTS

St George 281

St David 267

St Patrick 226

St Andrew 218



Stars of the Week

Little Robins - Ben

Big Robins - Maisie

Doves - Florence F

Goldfinches - Shreya

Kingfishers - William & Layla

Skylarks - Maya J & Shiloh

