

ST MARY'S NEWS

St Mary's Catholic Primary School and Nursery, Southam | March 3rd 2023



From the Head...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well that's another action-packed bumper of a week that has flown by! The children (and staff) thoroughly enjoyed World Book Day yesterday and it is brilliant to see how reading is improving across the school. Our children are becoming avid readers, who enjoy reading and are becoming more articulate about what they are reading and why they are reading it. I cannot thank you all enough for supporting us in raising the profile of reading in our school. There is still much to do and we will continue exposing the children to a range of fiction and non-fiction texts.

Lent is a sombre time where we fast, pray and give more. The children have been thinking carefully about the charity that they would like to donate to and we will reveal this next week, once the votes have been counted. During this season of Lent, each class will be doing something to raise money for a charity that we choose as a school - we started with a very successful EYFS and Year 5/6 led Toast kitchen this morning. This will continue weekly on a Friday and each class will lead an event. Again, more information has been sent out about this separately.

We are very much looking forward to seeing you all face to face for Parents Evening on 14th March; you will have received a letter home and an email about this. Please sign up for your time slot and hand this back to your child's teacher to enable them to co-ordinate the meetings. Meeting times will be sent out early next week.

There are lots of events that we are squeezing in this half term, please keep a close eye on the school calendar.

Have a wonderful weekend, let's hope the forecasted cold blast passes us by!

God Bless
Maureen Collier

Stars of the Week

- Nursery – Ivor
- Reception – Chester
- Year 1 – Ruby
- Year 2 – Ella-Rose
- Year 3 – Sam
- Year 4/5 – Ocean & Darcy
- Year 5/6 – Esther & Harriet



Come and join us for tea and cakes in the school hall (donations welcome). A selection of gifts to buy will be available.



My word, what words we had!

Such a super display and a cornucopia of inventive new vocabulary for our learners...



£2 PER CHILD

** All children must be accompanied by an adult **

On sale:

- DRINKS
- TREATS
- PANCAKES
- GLOWSTICKS

Card machine available

FOSM PRESENTS

SPRING DISCO

FRIDAY 10TH MARCH
5:30-7:30pm

NURSERY & RECEPTION

- Mrs Finch & Mrs Hilditch

Reception and Nursery have settled into the new term well and appear very eager to learn. We have started our new topic 'Far Far Away' by reading our focus texts and researching Africa. It turns out it would take us 2004 hours to walk there - the children did not seem keen! We enjoyed a Lent Retreat this week full of prayer, singing and reflection. The children wrote their name on a link of paper and created a paper chain as their Lenten promise. What a wonderful start to the term!



YEAR ONE - Ms Priestley

Welcome back! What an amazing start to the half term Year One has had. It is brilliant to see they have returned to school with their super enthusiasm and attitude to learning! They have enjoyed a variety of activities to kick start our Superheroes topic, including sentence building; superhero addition; learning how to draw superheroes and taking part in a superhero finger gym. We had so much fun on World Book Day too - the children looked absolutely fantastic and I loved the range of words we had in class! We put our detective hats on for our reading scavenger hunt and designed our own World Book Day bookmarks with lots of different craft supplies. These will be coming home with the children next week. Enjoy your weekend 😊

YEAR TWO - Ms Pahnke

The first week has flown by! We started our week by joining Dan and Emily with One Life on a beautiful 'No Greater Love' Lenten retreat. The children had to time reflect, pray and sing through activities. They particularly enjoyed signing along to the songs they were learning. This week we have been asking questions about an historical event, The Great Fire of London. In Math they have focused on diving by 2 and doubling and halving. World Book Day was a fantastic success with memories to keep for a life time. Homework and spellings have resumed as normal. Please ensure the children are frequently reading at home to keep that passion with them. Thank you for your continued support.

YEAR THREE - Ms Keith

It has been such a lovely first week back after half term in Year Three. We really enjoyed kicking off our week with our Lenten retreat afternoon with Dan and Emily from One Life, where we discovered about Lent and completed work focused around the second and fourth Stations of the Cross. This was such a lovely way to fully immerse ourselves into our Lent unit in RE. We also loved celebrating World Book Day, the children's costumes were amazing, and their creativity and imagination never fails to amaze me! To celebrate this, the children paraded themselves on the catwalk to show off their costumes, used their words in sentences, created book reviews and created their own front cover for a book they would write if they were an author. In topic we have also begun to look at the natural disaster of earthquakes, this week we have focused on learning about the different tectonic plates around the world on a located them on a map. In Maths, we learnt how to divide a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number and are looking forward to learning about length and perimeter next week. Next Friday, is Year Three's Lenten Charity day where the children will participate in a crazy hair day and selling cakes. If possible, please bring any cake donations in on Friday. Thank you for your continued support.

YEAR FOUR & FIVE - Mrs Hawley & Ms Costa

This week Year 4/5 have been taking part in all of the exciting events happening around school, we have been beginning the season of Lent with our retreat afternoon on Tuesday. The children sang beautifully and began to learn about Jesus' journey to the cross. On Thursday we had a great day dressing up for World Book Day and taking part in activities about our favourite books and stories.

YEAR FIVE & SIX - Mrs Banat-Rinze

It has been wonderful having the children back after half term, rested and full of ideas. We had a wonderful afternoon on Tuesday having a "Lenten Retreat" hosted by One Life Music's Dan and Emily. They led us through various prayers and songs for which we learnt sign language. They also talked us through two activities: Jesus accepts the cross and Jesus meets his mother. This was a really lovely way for us to begin our Lenten Journey. The highlight of Thursday was most definitely World Book Day where I was blown away by the efforts children (and adults) had put into their costumes. Once again, thank you for all your support.



EVERY FRIDAY

Celebration Assembly

@9:05 School Hall (open to all)

50p Friday

Snacks & drinks on sale after school. Bring your pennies to fundraise for FOSM



Tuesday, March 14

Parents Evening
2pm - 7pm @ School Hall

NEW Friday, March 10

Lenten Charities
- Cake Sale & Crazy Hair

Friday, March 10

FOSM Spring Disco
5:30PM - 7:30PM @ School Hall

10 - 19 March

British Science Week

NEW Monday, March 13

Science Day - Forensic
Science Workshop

Tuesday, March 14

Parent's Evening

NEW Friday, March 17

Lenten Charities
- PJs and Teddy (Y4/5)

NEW Friday, March 17

Mothers & Others Afternoon
Tea from 2:30 in the hall
(see front page for more info)

NEW Friday, March 24

Lenten Charities
- Chocolate Raffle (Y2)

NEW Friday, March 31

Lenten Charities
- Break the Rules Day (Y1/6)

April 3 -14

Easter Holidays
(back to school Monday 17th)

PLEASE NOTE:

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

HOUSE POINTS

- St Patrick = 83
- St George = 83
- St David = 64
- St Andrew = 57



EXEMPLARY BEHAVIOUR

YN: Lily	Y3: Cillian
YR: Teddy	Y4/5: Oliver & Dougie
Y1: Callie	Y5/6: Jimmy & Sophia K
Y2: Grace B	

LUNCHTIME AWARD

YN: Orla	Y3: Sienna
YR: Louie	Y4/5: Zachary & Claudia
Y1: Freddie	Y5/6: Hamish & Sofia
Y2: Finnley	