

ST MARY'S NEWS

St Mary's Catholic Primary School and Nursery, Southam | April 21st 2023



From the Head...

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a glorious week we have had and I am so happy to have all of the children back. This is the busiest term, where we try to pack as much in as possible. It has been an absolute delight to have spent time in every class this week and celebrate all of the fantastic teaching and learning that is taking place. Our children and staff are amazing people who inspire us all.

This week we have been looking at our school mission statement again: 'Inspiring children to love learning and to live in the light of Christ.' The children are so insightful and are able to articulate what this means to them. They are able to talk about what inspires them to be the best version of themselves and to use the God-given talents that they have.

As you know, each half term we have a new value and virtue, linked to the beatitudes. This half term we are learning to be 'Active and Curious'. I had the pleasure of being in Early Years when the children were leading their class Collective Worship, the children have definitely got a good understanding of how they can actively look after God's world with them telling me how they like to look after God's world by looking after the birds, and helping each child. One child explained how they will 'Actively help other people so that they can help me be even better.', Our children are so insightful.

On Sunday our children, who are making their First Holy Communion, will be making their promise to continue their Sacramental journey during their enrolment mass. Mass is at 10.00am and we would love as many as their friends as possible to come and support them, so please do come to mass if you can. The children will make their first Act of Reconciliation on Thursday 27th April and parents are most welcome to join us in church at 2.00pm. The children are incredibly reverent and prayerful, showing that they are ready to continue their spiritual journey. Again, this is a real privilege to help prepare them and I must thank Mrs Watson for preparing them very well.

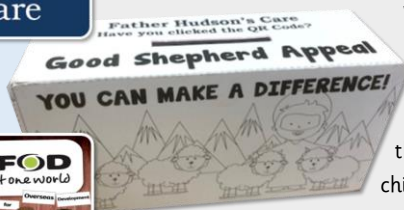
Have a wonderful weekend.

God Bless

Maureen Collier



LENTEN CHARITY UPDATE



We had so much enjoyment in the run up to Easter with our class-led Lenten Charity FUNdraising! Our Toast, Cake Sale, Crazy Hair, Pyjama Day, Chocolate Raffle and Break the Rules Day were so wonderfully supported by parents and children that we raised a staggering £590!!!

If you still **have a Father Hudson's Box at home, please return it on Monday** so we can add the proceed to our fantastic total for these two wonderful pupil-chosen charities.

POLITE PARKING PLEA:

We have received complaints that double yellows are being ignored & grass verges damaged in St Wulstan Way due to inconsiderate parent parking. Please respect our neighbours and consider parking earlier and/or further away at drop off and pick up. School starts at 9:55am promptly.



NO PARKING

AFTER SCHOOL

FOOTBALL COACHING:

Key stage 2 (year 3, 4, 5, 6)
Thursdays 3:20pm - 4:20pm
Please email Mr Fagan to book a space and arrange payment:
dfsports@icloud.com

UNIFORM MONITORING:

Although there has been some improvement, we are still seeing non-compliant uniform – most notably PE Kit, jewellery and large/brightly coloured hair accessories. A reminder that long hair should be tied back tidily; hair bobbles and clips should be small and we prefer that they are in the school colours, navy, grey or white. Large hair pieces and jewellery are not allowed for health and safety reasons. **Full policy:** [Uniform Policy](#)

SUMMER PLANNING: All children should have a water bottle in school and a sun hat. If your child needs hayfever treatment – as with all medicine – this must be handed in at the office and a medicine form completed.

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www.stikins.co.uk (Fundraising Number: 20781)



WHEN IT'S OK NOT TO WEAR UNIFORM...

1. SAINTS DAYS | **Belated St George's Day**

For many years we have celebrated our nations' patron saints – who are also our house saints – by dressing up in their colours or emblems on their feast day. As we aren't in school on actual St George's Day, all children and staff (not just those in St George) are invited to accessorise their normal uniform with: a red item, a St George flag or a red rose to celebrate this coming Monday, 24th April.

2. BIRTHDAYS | **Let everyone see it's your special day!**

Our children are allowed to wear their own clothes on their birthday (or the school day falling closest to it for weekend and holiday birthdays).

Stars of the Week

Nursery – Ella-Rose

Reception – Cameron

Year 1 – Loui

Year 2 – Timmy

Year 3 – Cillian

Year 4/5 – Niamh & Ollie

Year 5/6 – Esther & Lucy

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



Sunday, April 23 @10AM

First Holy Communion
Enrolment Mass – all invited

Monday, April 24

St Georges Day (Belated)
(accessorise normal uniform with a red item, a St George flag or a rose to celebrate England's patron saint)

Wednesday, April 26

All Star Cricket – PE Kit
(see letter sent home)

Thursday, April 27

Whole School Mass @9:15
(also Act of Reconciliation @2pm for First Holy Communion Candidates and their parents)

Thursday, May 4

Y4 Class Mass @9:15

Thursday, May 11

Y3 Class Mass @9:15

Sunday, May 14

Confirmation Enrolment
Mass – all invited

Wednesday, May 17

Early Years Open Morning #1
9:30 – 11:00 (please book via office)

Wednesday, May 24

Class Photos

Thursday, May 25

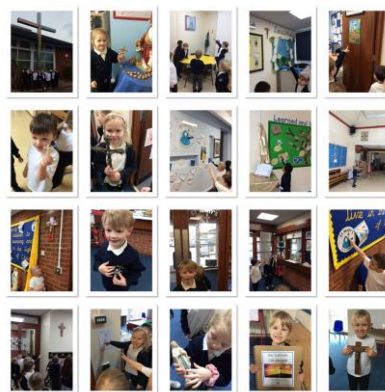
Y5 & Y1 Class Mass @9:15

Thursday, June 8

Early Years Open Morning #2
9:30 – 11:00 (please book via office)

PLEASE NOTE:

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



I am most impressed though, with their gorgeous singing voices and bravery in assembly this morning, where they performed our song about the Alleluia! Well done Year One - already can't wait until next week.

YEAR TWO – Ms Pahnke | Welcome back! It has been lovely to see the children, they have come back refreshed for the summer term. We started the week by recapping and reflecting on the resurrection of Jesus and the symbols of Easter we see used in the church. In Maths we have begun recognising fractions and will be continuing this topic over the next few weeks. We have planned and published a newspaper report on the Great Fire of London. In PE, we have completed our last lesson on Tennis. The children had the opportunity to put their skills into practice by participating in mini tennis matches. Homework and Spellings will continue to be sent home on a Friday and should be completed and handed in by the following Wednesday. Thank you for your continued support.

YEAR THREE – Ms Keith | I hope you all had a lovely Easter but it has been fantastic to have the children back! We've had a very exciting first week back: we loved our trip to St John's Museum where we learnt all about the Anglo-Saxons as 'Saxon Settlers' is this term's topic. The children were amazing representatives of the school and it's always lovely to see them fully immerse themselves into the different activities. The children had to role play and take themselves back in time. In our magical story box, we discovered; a Viking supermarket receipt, a Viking brooch and a planning permission form. We were told that the Vikings wanted to build a supermarket. We were then given roles and had to debate whether this planning should go ahead. We learned about different artefacts and how the Anglo-Saxons lived to help us make this decision. In Maths, we have been looking at unit and non-unit fractions and in RE we have started our Easter unit. We have been looking closely at the story of the Road to Emmaus. Please can I ask that you remind the children bring their reading books and inform me if their book needs changing. Homework will be sent out each Friday and should be returned on a Wednesday. Thank you for your continued support.



Year 3's Trip to St John's Museum

YEAR FOUR & FIVE – Mrs Hawley & Ms Costa | This week Year 4/5 have been working hard in RE comparing the story of the Resurrection of Jesus as told by the four Gospels. We looked closely at the details told in each version and the important messages Jesus gives us. In Maths, we have been learning to add and subtract fraction. We have begun our work on our new topic 'Source to Sea'. In Geography, we have been learning about the Water Cycle, learning how water evaporates from the sea, through the clouds and falling as rain before returning to the rivers and finally back to the sea.

YEAR FIVE & SIX – Mrs Banat-Rinz | What a great start to the summer term. The sun is shining and everyone has come back with a thirst for learning. This week in RE we have concentrated on the Easter unit and we have explored the story of Thomas who doubted that Jesus had indeed risen. Everyone wrote amazing speeches as if they were Thomas, persuading others to follow him and spread the Good News. They also produced such fabulous art work linked to it that we have had to turn it into a display on the stairs. We most certainly have a lot of budding artists in the class! In Maths we have been reminding ourselves how to accurately add and subtract with decimals, plus multiplying and dividing with two-digit numbers. It has been wonderful to see how much some children have read over the holidays - a reminder to read every day and bring in your reading book daily! Also keep up with TTRS every day too. I was pleased to see lots of year 6 children attend their SATS booster session this Thursday morning again before the 9th May when they begin. These sessions are really helping, so please remember to send your Year 6 child next Thursday at 8am.

EXEMPLARY BEHAVIOUR

LUNCHTIME AWARD

HOUSE POINTS:

St Patrick = 235

St Andrew = 229

St David = 225

St George = 205



YN: Ivy L	Y3: Riley
YR: Vincent	Y4/5: Noah & Dougie
Y1: Kabelle	Y5/6: Matteo & Zack
Y2: Suruthiy	

YN: Freddie	Y3: Shreya
YR: Ben	Y4/5: Amber & Claudia
Y1: Charlotte	Y5/6: Peyton & Riley
Y2: Delilah L	