

# ST. MARY'S COFE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to begin this weeks newsletter by thanking those of you who have taken the time to send in such positive emails in regards to our online teaching offer. Through Google Classroom, our pupils have been able to continue with their learning with daily live lessons. Our teachers have worked incredibly hard to master the 'virtual teaching experience' and the messages received this week have been hugely appreciated by all!

Every year, our children enjoy sending Christmas cards to one another marking an important time in our Christian calendar. The children send messages full of warm wishes, greetings and joy. Particularly during this challenging year, messages of hope and love will be cherished by our children and families . On Monday 7th December, there will be a special post box for the children to deliver their Christmas mail. We kindly ask that all Christmas cards are posted before Friday 11th December. Please also include the recipients year group on the envelope. The cards will be then be kept for a minimum of 72 hours before being safely distributed the following week.

I would like to end with a quote which links to our Christian Value of caring:  
Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ

God forgave you..  
Ephesians 4:32

Yours faithfully,  
Mrs Matthews

The children have been working exceptionally hard this week and I have some exciting shout outs to share with you. A huge well done to these children who have impressed me and their teachers!

Melanie, Soliyana and Lexi in Y5

A huge shout out for your incredible musical performance this week. Well done!

Dylan in Y2

A huge shout out for your work in maths this week. You mastered the use of column method! Well done

A huge shout out to our children who have been working incredibly hard at home this week on Google Classroom Well done!

A huge shout out to Y5 and Y6 Pupils who have written letters to a local care home in our community! Well done!

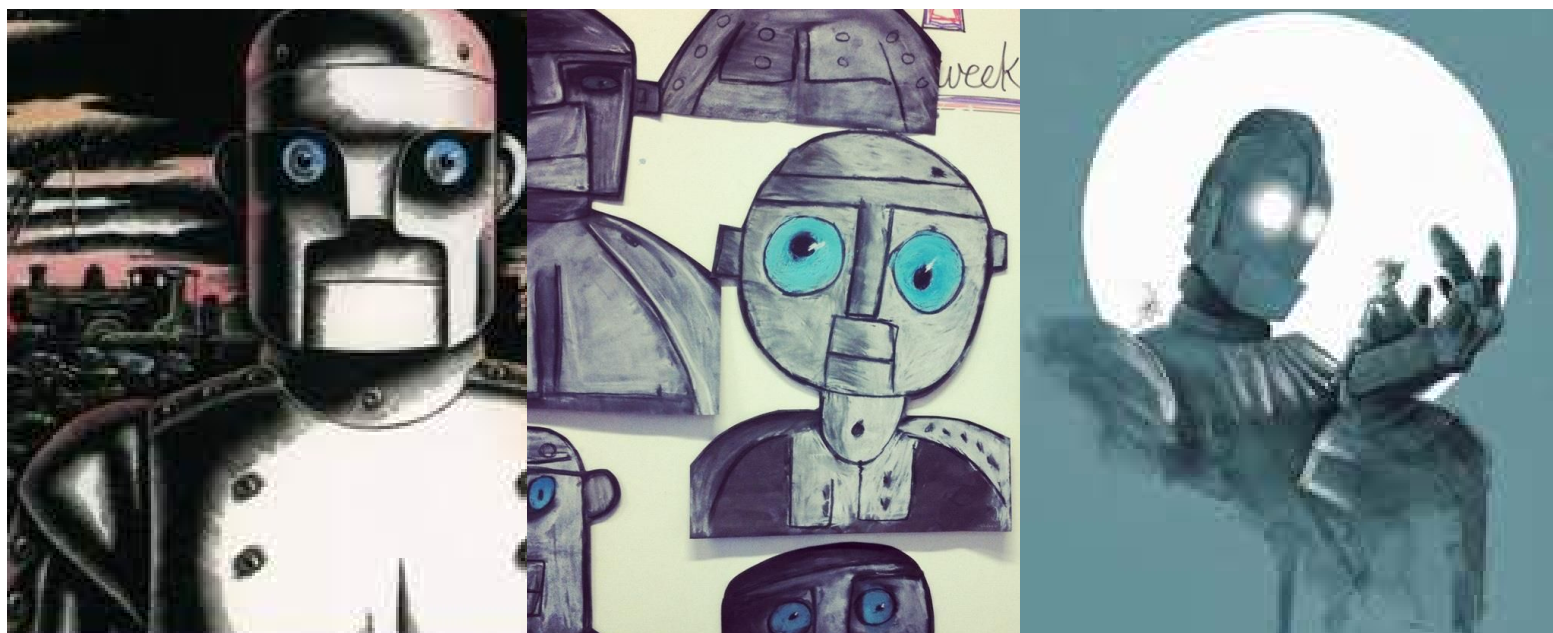
Michael in Reception  
A huge shout out for dressing up as fireman complete with his own fire extinguisher ready to share his knowledge of people who help us. Well done!

# Y3 Class Corner

In Year 3 this week, we have started our non-fiction piece of writing. We will be writing a guide on 'How to Care for an Iron Man'.

We know that in our guide we need to ensure we include a title, sub-headings and technical words.

On Wednesday, we used a dictionary to search for the meaning of these technical words that we will be using in our writing. We then used these words in our introduction on Thursday and created great pieces of writing! In PE, we have been perfecting our dribbling, passing and team work skills through our football unit. We have learning what it means to be a 'team-player' and how we can utilise one another's skills to benefit the team!



## VALUE OF THE WEEK

This week, we have been thinking about the value of caring. In our assemblies this week, Adam introduced us to the newest member of his family, Hector the Leopard Tortoise. We discussed how much joy animals and the world bring to our lives but also the responsibility we have to care and look after them.

Do you have a pet that your care for at home?

What would happen if we didn't care for the world around us?

How can we show our School Dog Reggie that we care?

# KEY UPDATES AND REMINDERS

- As stated in previous communication, we are not able to accommodate large bags and rucksacks in the classrooms. Children should only be bringing in their school book bags containing their water bottle, reading book and reading log.

Thank you for your support during this time.

- We will be returning back to school on Monday 2nd November 2020.




## COVID-19: Our Joint Responsibilities

One important part of ensuring the safety and wellbeing of pupils, students, parents and our community is testing for coronavirus. We all have a duty to make sure that the right people have access to a test at the right time.

- You should only book a test if your child has any of these three coronavirus symptoms:
  1. a high temperature: any new high temperature where your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure the temperature)
  2. a new continuous cough: coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
  3. a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste: a noticeable loss of smell or taste or things smell and taste different to normal
- Your child does not need a test if they have a runny nose, are sneezing or feeling unwell but do not have a temperature, cough or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste because these are not normally symptoms of coronavirus.
- If you are unsure about whether to get a test, please check the official list of symptoms on the NHS website, which is reviewed regularly: [www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/)
- Only the person with symptoms should get a test. You do not need to get a test for anyone else in the household unless they also have any of the three symptoms listed above. **All members of the household need to self-isolate whilst waiting for the test result.**
- If the person with symptoms' test comes back positive, other members of their household should continue self-isolating for 14 days and only get a test if they develop coronavirus symptoms.

**COVID-19: If your child tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) outside of school hours (including weekends) please call or text 07759978824 immediately to let us know.**



# School Streets

## What can you do to help?

Below is a template email supporting School Streets which you can either copy direct and send, or amend to your requirements before sending.

Please send your email to:

Councillor Clyde Loakes:

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**Dear Councillors,**

**I am writing to you as a parent, to express my support and ask you to consider School Street for the roads around St Mary's C of E Primary School, E17 (Chestnu Avenue North/South, and Brooke Road). As you are already aware, drop-off and pick-up times at schools can be very busy for teachers, pupils, parents and residents with lots of congested traffic potentially creating a stressful and unsafe environment. It also contributes to dangerous levels of pollution.**

**Waltham Forest has already piloted several School Streets - with encouraging findings - and I would like St. Mary's to create safer and healthier streets around the school for its pupils and their families.**

**Yours sincerely  
(Your Name)**



# St Mary's Stars of the Week

## Reception Stars

Sophie Elgie

Elsie Gould

Arlo Duggan

## Year 2 Stars

Lilla Palmer

Silvia Masi

All of Year 2 Green have been  
selected as stars this week!

Congratulations

## Year 4 Stars

Dulcie Quinton

All of Year 4 Yellow and Y4  
Green have been selected as  
stars this week!

Congratulations

## Year 1 Stars

All of Year 1 have been selected  
as stars this week!

Congratulations

## Year 3 Stars

Leo Pascall

Anabelle Airey

Molly Gardinar

## Year 5 Stars

Alexandria Lowe

Shreya Komalram

Rakshan Stashish

## Year 6 Stars

Katernin Karagounis

Minnie Ek

Jermaine Serunkuma

Dante Gbeve

# St Mary's Presentation Stars

## Year 2 Stars

Roman Russel

Florence Billings-Barboza

## Year 3 Stars

Luca Pascall

CJ Borrill

Rufus Montaser

## Year 4 Stars

Elliot Ramos- Hilldrup

## Year 5 Stars

Lucas Stafford Venn

Maddison Betts

Lexi Taylor

## Year 6 Stars

Jason Song

Malachi Cuffie

Emili Indequé

