

ST. MARY'S COFE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the end of term approaches, I would like to take this opportunity to pass on my sincere thanks to the whole school community during what has been an incredibly unique term. Your continued support and understanding during this period has been greatly appreciated by all. It is also important to celebrate our wonderful pupils who have shown such perseverance, resilience and determination throughout this term and continue to make us all incredibly proud.

This week, the children made their Christingles and it has been a joy to hear them rehearsing carols for our St Mary's service. We also have some special treats and surprises in store for our pupils next week including Christmas themed party bags for every child, a highly anticipated school staff video to put a smile on everyone's faces, class celebrations and Christmas crafts. We will also be putting our St Mary's elves to work early next week to sort and deliver the Christmas mail that they children have posted!

A little reminder that on our last day of term, Friday 18th December, we will have Christmas Jumper Day! All you need to do is get your silliest jumper out and donate £1 to support Save the Children. Let's end our term in festive spirits and make the world better with a sweater!

I would like to end with a quote which links to our Christian Value of respect and the importance of respecting all people.

Show proper respect to everyone

Peter 2:17

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!

Evan Mallender in Y4
Purple for his amazing
contributions to our
class charity project
Well done!

Year 1 Purple - Euan who
has been drawing lots of
new 'inventions' and
showing the class
everyday.
Well done!

Year 1 Yellow -
Donnan who has
created some amazing
Traction Man projects
Curtis who has been
writing his own story
set under the sea

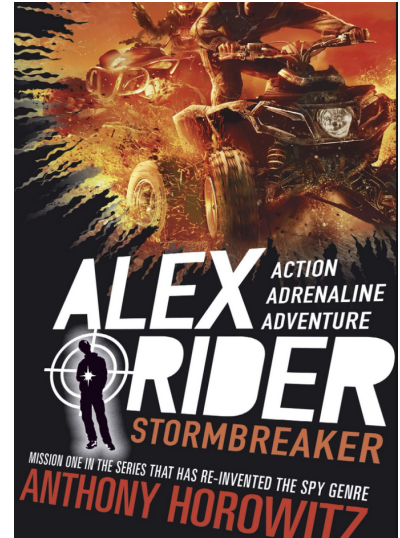
Year 1 - Jacob Palmer
who drew a very
detailed map of his
house. He measured the
rooms with his Dad and
added the measurements
to his map
Well done!

Freya Coventry. She has been sharing
all her knowledge of the Mayans with
the class that she has learnt at home
through reading books and doing
research. The fact she wanted to share
for the newsletter is 'The Mayans
roamed Mesoamerica and used cocoa
beans like gold as a currency.'
Well done!

Y5 Class Corner

Y5 have been working very hard this half term. We have really enjoyed following the thrilling adventures of Alex Rider in our StormBreaker text and understanding what it takes to be a secret agent. We have written our own action stories and become reporters detailing the events of incidents!

We have explored the Mediterranean and compared regions of Italy to regions of the UK. Do you know what the similarities and differences are?



In Science, we have been exploring electricity and have become quite the experts on electromagnetism. This week, we constructed a homopolar motor, which is a direct current electric motor with two magnetic poles, and used this electricity to create motion.

We learned that this device is similar to what makes a washing machine spin or moves an electric toothbrush!

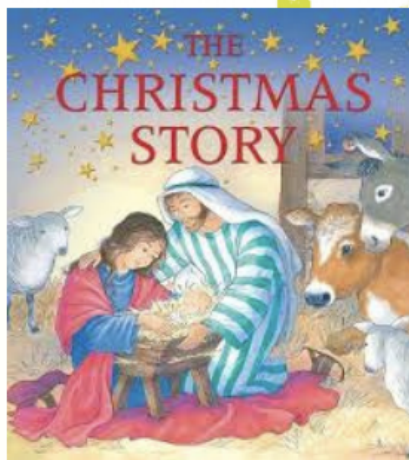
VALUE OF THE WEEK RESPECT

This week, we have been thinking about the value of respect. In our assemblies this week, we thought about the importance of showing people respect so that they feel valued and how God believes that everyone deserves to be respected no matter who they are. We listened to a story from the Old Testament with the prophet Elijah. We learned that even if the people around the woman in the story didn't see her as particularly valuable, God saw her as someone important who had a special job to do for him. In the story, Elijah and the widow treated each other with dignity and respect – they both listened to God and listened to each other.

Who have you shown respect to this week? How did you do it?

Reception Newsletter

St Mary's C of E Primary school



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FrTFAZPQxpE>

The children have had a busy week! They performed their songs beautifully for the virtual Nativity. This will hopefully be shared with you next week! They loved making Christmas crafts such as angels and their donkey ears. The children also learnt about the significance of Christingles for Christians and will be bringing these home to show you.

Next week is our final week of the Autumn term. They will continue to learn about the meaning of Christmas for Christians and will take part in an exciting Christmas workshop! There will be a different home time on Friday...this will be announced soon. The children will also be making their own Christmas/Winter cards that the adults at school will post for them....So please expect something special in the post from your little one!

Our Learning Next Week

Next week the children will be writing about their upcoming holiday in their Big Write session and in Maths we will be revisiting 2D shapes and also learning about subtraction using objects and a numberline.

P.E kits

Next week the children will be bring their P.E kit home for the holiday. Please can this be washed and returned to school in the new year.

Reading and library books

Next week we will collect all reading books and library books for the holiday period. Please return these on Wednesday. We still very much encourage to continue reading daily for short bursts on a range of texts both fiction and non-fiction at home.

Home learning

We won't be sending any official homework home next week, but we will resend the sounds and also some different activities you could do with your little one over the holidays. You do not have to do these, but just in case you would like to!

Curriculum letter

Next week I will send out a curriculum letter outlining the learning for the Spring term and our new topic 'Traditional Tales'.

Reception Challenge!

Can you say how the seasons are changing?

What changes do you notice when it's Winter?



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/
- 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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Councillor Ros Flowers:

cldr.ros.flowers@walthamforest.gov.uk

Councillor Richard Sweden:

cldr.richard.sweden@walthamforest.gov.uk

Councillor Vicky Te Velde:

cldr.vicky.tevelde@walthamforest.gov.uk

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

Ethan Rother
Margot Burnett
Freddie Harris

Year 1 Stars

Leona Akuffo Deacy
Alfred Edwards
Jacob Palmer

Year 2 Stars

Elliot Johnson
Imani Mundy
Olympia Wood

Year 3 Stars

Dominik Zawadzki
Lawrence Morris
Jasmin Walsh

Year 4 Stars

Kya Aderton
Emily Pjetri
Jessica Judge

Year 5 Stars

Dean Walters-Young
Keshawn Adjei
Pavel Gavrelov

Year 6 Stars

Betsy Schilcher
Viktoria Dimitrova
Zerah Nzeadibe

St Mary's Presentation Stars

Year 1 Stars

David Makarov
Thomas O' Callaghan
Carys Mallender

Year 2 Stars

Matilda Sawyer-Mayo
Silvia Masi
Remy Francis

Year 3 Stars

Bluebelle Grove
Evie Jean Woodhead
Nathaniel Bona

Year 4 Stars

Freya Coventry
Beato Matusiak

Year 5 Stars

Sandra Dultev
Sophie Marshall

Year 6 Stars

Kieron Bell

