

# ST. MARY'S COFE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

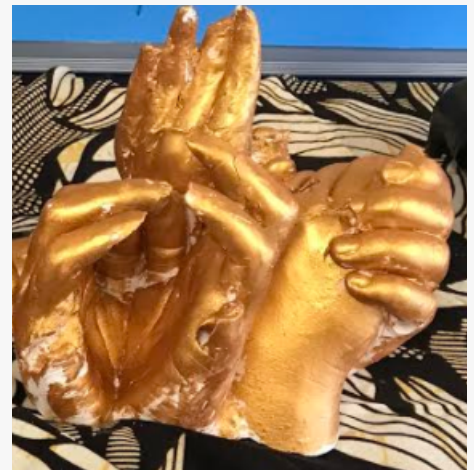


## Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a joy to welcome our children back after their well deserved half-term break. We have been hearing tales of explorations around the UK from forest rambles, windy beach walks and off-road cycling tours- it certainly sound like we are all taking advantage of our wonderful local area and the great outdoors!

In Year 2 this week, the children continued to complete their plaster sculptures, inspired by the importance of unity and challenging discrimination. Before half-term, the children had completed the planning and moulding stage. They had been able to let their sculptures dry during the half-term ready for painting upon their return!



We are all looking forward to another successful half-term, celebrating the achievements of our brilliant school community and I would like to pass on my sincere thanks for your ongoing support during these challenging times.

I am very proud of our school community; children, parents and staff who continue to show resilience and strength during these unprecedented times. I would like to end with a quote which links to our Christian Value of caring and the importance of looking after one another:

**Proverbs 12:25 Anxiety weighs down the heart, but a kind word cheers it up.**

Yours faithfully,  
Mrs Matthews



# Class Corner

In Reception this week, we were introduced to and learnt about the Hindu festival of Diwali. We made diva lamps from clay, created colourful firework pictures to celebrate light and explored some beautiful Rangoli patterns. We will continue to learn about different festivals and celebrations this half term and next week we will be reading the story of the Rama and Sita.

We will be keeping our eyes peeled for fireworks and observing the variety of colours and patterns that they create.



# VALUE OF THE WEEK



This week, we have been thinking about the value of faith. At this time of year, we see many changes around us as the seasons change from summer to autumn. We thought about other changes that have happened in our lives and how faith can help us to work through challenging times.

How have you shown faith this week?

How has it helped you?

## COVID UPDATE

In light of the latest government guidance, I would like to reassure you that schools are instructed to remain open. It is also important to revisit the government guidelines regarding Covid-19 and the clear steps that must be followed to keep our community safe.

- We request that all parents and carers dropping off and collecting to follow social distancing by keeping 2m apart at all times.
- We request that all parents and carers dropping off and collecting wear a face covering.
- If you have symptoms of coronavirus, you must self-isolate and book a test. Your household must also begin to self-isolate for a 14-day period.
- Children should not be sent to school if you or a member of the household is presenting with any of the following symptoms: a high temperature, a new, continuous cough, a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.
- If you or your child test positive for Covid-19, we ask you to contact us immediately. If your test comes back during out of school hours, please call or text the following number: 07759978824.

If it were to be the case, where a year group/bubble had to be sent home to isolate, we have plans in place to ensure live learning can take place from home. You will be receiving a letter shortly with your child's Google Classroom code and password. The code and password will also be placed inside your child's reading log for ease of access.

# 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:

[cllr.clyde.loakes@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.clyde.loakes@walthamforest.gov.uk)

Councillor Ros Flowers:

[cllr.ros.flowers@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.ros.flowers@walthamforest.gov.uk)

Councillor Richard Sweden:

[cllr.richard.sweden@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.richard.sweden@walthamforest.gov.uk)

Councillor Vicky Te Velde:

[cllr.vicky.tevelde@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.vicky.tevelde@walthamforest.gov.uk)

**Dear Councillors,**

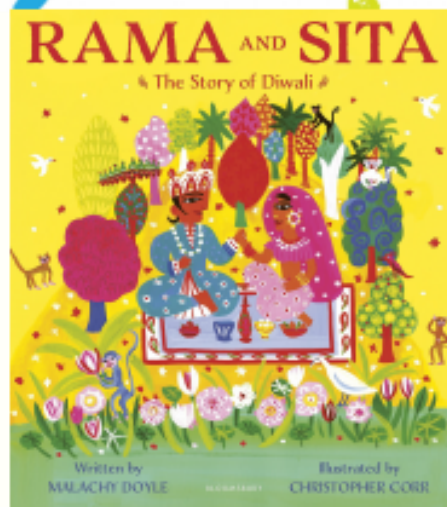
**I am writing to you as a parent, to express my support and ask you to consider School Street for the roads around St Mary's C of E Primary School, E17 (Chestnu Avenue North/South, and Brooke Road). As you are already aware, drop-off and pick-up times at schools can be very busy for teachers, pupils, 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)**

# Reception Newsletter

*St Mary's C of E Primary school*



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uRpNNF4fB4g>

This week the children were introduced to and learnt about the Hindu festival of Diwali. We will continue to learn about different festivals and celebrations and next week learn the story of the Rama and Sita. The children will continue to learn about fireworks and Bonfire Night. Hopefully you will all get a chance to see some lovely fireworks over the next few days either at home or maybe out your window and we would love to see any photos that your child might want to share.

Attached to this week's newsletter is a reception key word mat. This is all the words the children will need to learn by the end of Reception in preparation for Year 1. I have also attached the Read, Write Inc Green words for Set 1 that all children in Reception have been learning. There is no expectation to fill these in or return them, they are for your own personal reference at home. If you have any questions about either sheet, please speak to Miss Crawford.

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## **Focus children**

Each week we select a handful of children to be our 'focus children'. This means we record a long observation with them, planning activities around their likes, interests and next step learning needs. These observations are then shared with parents and carers. Each child will have a long observation per term. We recognise that parents and carers have a wealth of knowledge about your child. Therefore we kindly ask if you could fill out a focus children form that will come home on Monday for your child and return it by Friday 13th November.

## **Our Learning Next Week**

Next week, the children will be learning about 'one more' and 'one less' and they will be introduced to repeating patterns using 2D shapes linked to our topic learning.

In our Big Write, we will be writing about Diwali party using lots of fantastic 'wow' words.

## **Homework in Reception**

Next week the children will begin to bring home their homework, there was a separate letter that outlined what this is and expectations but if you have any questions or concerns please ask for your class teacher to call you.

## **Parent Volunteers**

Next half term we will be learning about the people who help us for our new topic. We would love to invite any parents that work in the emergency services to share their knowledge and experience about their job with the children. This could be a video message or photos. Please let your Reception Teacher know if you would be interested.



# St Mary's Stars of the Week

## Reception Stars

Peter Hanzhiev

Ted Brown

Nathan James-Samuel

## Year 1 Stars

Cormac Clements

Titilola Olutunfese

Conrad Hayes

## Year 2 Stars

Dylan Rolfe

Buster Knowles

Skystorm Virgo-Smith

## Year 3 Stars

Sumayyah Bayat

Sadie King

Remi Crooks Crombie

## Year 4 Stars

Clara Brumby

Violet Danaswamy Santiz

Gideon Olateju

## Year 5 Stars

Grace Woodhead

Sophia Nicoli

Tito Brown

## Year 6 Stars

Iris Frowd

Marissa Gbeve

Raphael Asare

Ishaaq Ali



# St Mary's Presentation Stars

## Year 1 Stars

Thea Strzeszewska  
Clara Danaswamy-Santiz  
Orzala Ziai

## Year 2 Stars

Arsen Hronskyi  
Elena Forrest  
Sebastian Simic

## Year 3 Stars

Callie Cridland  
Lucy Smith

## Year 4 Stars

Evan Mallender  
Nimi Adeniyi  
Filip Adamek

## Year 5 Stars

Tate Bennett-Dunkley  
Kiyanna Newton-Cyrus  
Destinee Newill

## Year 6 Stars

Beth Powell  
Eden Greaves  
Andre Vicente  
Zerah Nzeadibe

