ST. MARY'S COFE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Head Teacher's Message Dear Parents and Carers,

This week was a very important week for remembering and St. Mary's spent time reflecting on the importance of All Saints and Remembrance Day. Inspired by the poppy, which grew on the battlefields after World War One ended, all of the children created their own artistic interpretations. In After School Club, we created paper poppies and Spitfire planes using lolly sticks. On Wednesday, all three schools came together via Google Meet to commemorate those who lost their lives in war and to hold a virtual two minutes silence across the trust.





The children have started their new texts including Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, The Iron Man, Akimbo and The Hobbit! I have already been impressed with the wonderful fiction writing being produced in all classes. On the topic of exciting books, our Scholastic Book Fair is back and this year, our latest Scholastic Book Club is now online at https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/st-marys-e17/digital-book-club. There are hundreds of fantastic children's books to choose from and every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club will earn 20p for our school in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your order online by November 30th, 2020. Happy reading!

I would like to end with a quote which links to our Christian Value of respect: Luke 6:31 Do to others as you would have them do to you.

> Yours faithfully, Mrs Matthews

REMEMBRANCE DAY

The reason poppies are used to remember those who have given their lives in battle is because they are the flowers which grew on the battlefields after World War One ended.This is described in the famous World War One poem In Flanders Fields.



Inspired by this poem and the symbol of the poppy, each year group created their own pieces of art - from sketches of poppy fields to painted stones.

All of the art work will be displayed in the playground, in classroom windows and on the school fences so please look out for our remembrance masterpieces on Monday when you come to school!



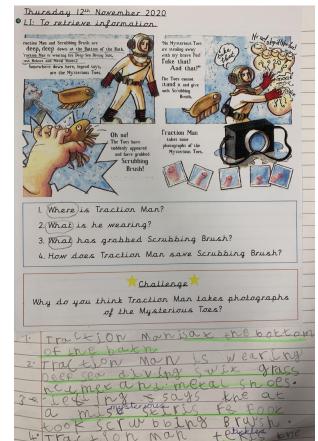


Class Corner

It's been a fun second week back in Year 1 ! We have been exploring the story of Traction Man and his adventures with his brave pet Scrubbing Brush. We have particularly enjoyed the part of the book where Traction Man saved Scrubbing Brush from

Mysterious Toes! In Maths, we have been subtracting one and two digit numbers using 100 squares. We were so proud when we completed the Master it challenges! We have also enjoyed creating art pieces based on Andy Goldsworthy's work. We worked in teams collecting sticks, wood chippings, stones and leaves. We used these items to create interesting designs on the playground.

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VALUE OF THE WEEK

This week, we have been thinking about the value of respect. In our assemblies this week, we thought about remembering and respecting people who have acted to make our lives better. We learned about the choices of St Alban and thought about the choices we can make to improve our lives and the lives of others. How can you show respect?

What does it look like?

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.

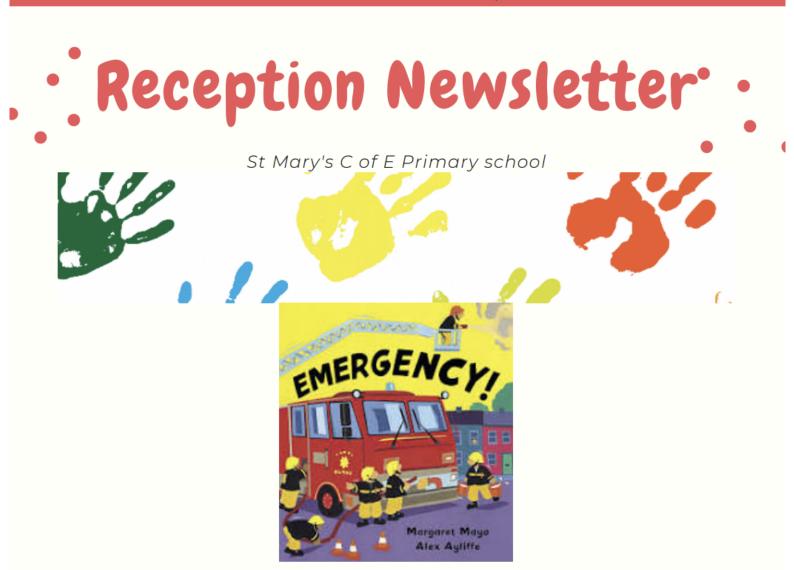
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Dear Councillors,

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)



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DjiQBbPMMf0

Our topic for Autumn 2 will continue to be 'All About Me' but we will focus more on people who help us. For the next two weeks our story of the week will be 'Emergency!' as the children learn about who help us and the services they provide. The children will also learn about how to stay safe and why we sometimes need experts to help us. Attached to the newsletter is a word mat to help develop your child's vocabulary and language linked to the topic. If your child has any emergency services books or outfits that they would like to photograph and share, we would love to see them!

This week the children have learnt about Remembrance Day and we took part in a whole trust online assembly to show our respect during the 2 minute silence. It was lovely to have all the schools together online and the children were amazing role models for St Marys. Well done Reception!

Our Learning Next Week

Next week, the children will be learning about addition and and 2D shapes. In our Big Write, we will be writing facts about firefighters!

Homework in Reception

Hopefully you should have received your child's homework this week. Please write a small comment in the reading record when you've read the book with your child. If you have any questions regarding homework, please contact the office and your class teacher will contact you.

Parent Volunteers

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 email the office staff if you are able to, A big thank you to those parents/carers who already have!

Reception Challenge!

Warm wishes, Miss Crawford EYFS Phase Leader



Can you help someone in your house?

Can you write down what happened?





St Mary's Stars of the Week

<u>Reception Stars</u> Beatrix Barker Sienna Coley- Grant Antonia Quinsee

Year 2 Stars Darrell Acheampong Darcey Naftal Grace Tanswell

Year 4 Stars Edward Matei Jada Serunkuma Eden Davis Year 1 Stars Joshua Bishton Moka Aoife Goodenough Mohamed Mansaray

<u>Year 3 Stars</u> Ebony Boateng Poppy Mae Harrison Hollie Farrell

Year 5 Stars Bianka Ziernik Ellie Jones Noah Tongue

Year 6 Stars Imogen Murdoch Peter Kempton-Elphick Amariah Lester Edie Ibbotson

St Mary's Presentation Stars

<u>Year 1 Stars</u> Effie Gray Annmarie Febres-Petch Liv Gaughan Year 2 Stars Avery Haines Elsa Donaldson Sophie Kress

Year 3 Stars Rafferty McLachlan JJ Wilson Lebron Humphrey <u>Year 4 Stars</u> Joy - Josephine Benjamin Laura Waszkiewicz Isabelle Musoke

<u>Year 5 Stars</u> Jamia James- Samuel Ellie Hunte Denzell Yeboah Year 6 Stars Summer Virgo-Smith Zachary Ackroyd Alice Mason-Jones London Mensah- Ramsey

