

ST. MARY'S COFE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was truly wonderful to have all of the children and staff back together this week. Seeing all of their faces at the school gates again was heartwarming and it has been a very positive first week back. To settle us back in, we have focused on physical, emotional and social wellbeing. All pupils have had the opportunity to catch up with friends, talk about their experiences and share how they feel about their return to school. This has been important in ensuring that the children feel supported and confident.

You will have received a letter regarding Parents' Evening for Spring Term. These consultations are a valuable element of the partnership we have with all parents and carers where you will have the opportunity to speak with your child's class teacher to discuss how your child has settled back into school with a focus on their well-being and progress. Over the coming weeks, children will also be completing baseline assessments to identify gaps and we look forward to update you at Parents' Evening. Please book an appointment with your child's teacher online via the Doodle link that was sent on Friday. The link will allow you to access our online appointment booking system.

I would like to end with a quote which links to our Christian Value of faith and the importance of keeping faith in challenging times.

Faith can move mountains.

Matthew 17:20

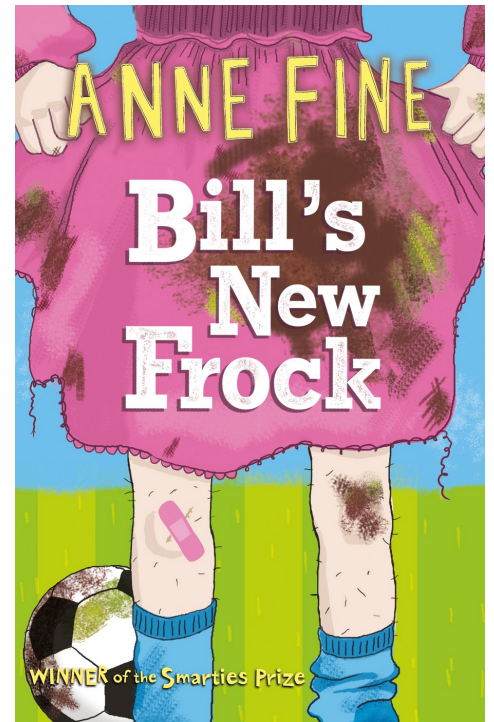
Yours faithfully,
Mrs Matthews

Y2 Class Corner

Year 2 have really enjoyed Bill's New Frock this half term. It has led to some fantastic imaginative writing opportunities and the children have embraced the challenge and produced some fantastic, detailed descriptions, all brought together with some equally entertaining dialogue between the characters.

In Science, we have explored the thermal insulating properties of different materials to explore which would be best to repair Mr. Bloom's greenhouse. Hope he likes our suggestions.

In Topic we are still learning about the Great Fire of London, where we have learnt about the improvements that were made to London as a result of the fire. Did you know that St. Paul's Cathedral, as we know it today, was built after the fire to replace the original cathedral which burnt down?



VALUE OF THE WEEK CONFIDENCE

This week, we have been thinking about confidence. In our assemblies this week, we thought about the importance of having confidence and how it helps us in times of change.

This week, we were reunited together in school and we thought about how this made us feel. Vanessa explained to us that sometimes our confidence may wobble but by having faith we know that we will get through things. We listened to the story of Peter when he walked on water and how even though he was afraid, his courage and confidence in Jesus to look after him supported him to achieve.

How did you feel this week? What makes you feel confident?

KEY UPDATES AND REMINDERS

BAFTA Kids young presenter competition (ages 7+). Submissions are due by 26th April. Use the link for more details:
<http://baftakids.org/competitions/young-presenter-competition-2021>



There's also the opportunity to have an original, modern day fairy-tale turned into a play and performed by professional actors.

This is for Y3-6 and final submissions by March 7th.

Further details can be found at <https://www.heartbreakproductions.co.uk/find-your-voice/>

Young Artist's Summer Show
Submissions by 26th April 2021



Please can I take this opportunity to remind you of the pick up and drop off times and the preventative measures we asked you to follow in the Autumn Term:

1. At all times, keep a two-metre distance from every adult during pick up and drop off
2. Do not send your child to school if they show symptoms – book a test
3. Do not send your child to school if someone in your household has tested positive
4. Always wear a face mask when collecting or dropping off
5. Follow the lockdown rules

Stream	<u>Start Time</u>	<u>End Time</u>	<u>Entrance/Exit</u>
Y6 Green/Blue	8:45	3:15	Nursery Gate
Y6 Yellow	8:50	3:20	Nursery Gate
Y6 Purple	8:55	3:25	Nursery Gate
Y5 Blue	8:45	3:15	South Gate 1
Y5 Yellow	8:45	3:15	South Gate 2
Y5 Purple	8:45	3:15	North Gate
Y4 Green	8:50	3:20	South Gate 1
Y4 Yellow	8:50	3:20	South Gate 2
Y4 Purple	8:50	3:20	North Gate
Y3 Green	8:55	3:25	South Gate 1
Y3 Yellow	8:55	3:25	North Gate
Y3 Purple	8:55	3:25	South Gate 2
Y2 Green/Blue	9:00	3:30	South Gate 1
Y2 Yellow	9:00	3:30	South Gate 2
Y2 Purple	9:00	3:30	North Gate
Y1 Green/Blue	9:05	3:35	South Gate 1
Y1 Yellow	9:05	3:35	South Gate 2
Y1 Purple	9:05	3:35	North Gate
Reception M	9:10	3:40	South Gate 1
Reception W	9:10	3:40	South Gate 2
Reception A	9:10	3:40	North Gate

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- 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.



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.



St Mary's Stars of the Week

Reception Stars

Aida Alvarez- Garetto
John Olateju

Year 1 Stars

Reyhan Semanda

Year 2 Stars

Agnes Lacandler

Year 3 Stars

Lucy Smyth
Charis Salazaku
Callie Cridland

Year 4 Stars

Aiva Ralnikova
Luke Wilson

Year 5 Stars

Dylan Seed
Nicole Jaramillo- Gallego

Year 6 Stars

Zachary Ackroyd
Casier Ikiechikue
Amy Israel

St Mary's Presentation Stars

Year 1 Stars

Marmaduke Whittaker

Year 2 Stars

Freddie Simpson

Year 3 Stars

Dominik Zawadzki

Anabelle Airey

JJ Wilson

Year 4 Stars

Aleks Kolodziec

Isabelle Musoke

Year 5 Stars

Angelo Odufeso

Marcus Cole

Year 6 Stars

Lola Odukoya

Miguel Vieira

Ali Efe Kara

