

ST. MARY'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we are nearing the end of the first half term, I wanted to thank you all for your wonderful support and contributions to our school. I am so proud of how well our pupils have adapted to our new arrangements this term. Our Reception and Year 6 pupils are all settled in their brand-new classrooms and the children have definitely enjoyed the experience of dining in our beautiful marquee!

As you know, the children have been very settled and they are happy to be back in school to focus on learning and wellbeing. We continue to offer all our children hugely exciting learning opportunities in school. Our pupils began the half taking part in a wide array of school trips. Our Year 3 and Year 5 children have been very busy this Autumn developing their swimming skills and we have received brilliant feedback from the swim instructors on how fantastic our children have been. Our Year 6 children have enjoyed rehearsing their mini-musical songs and I have been lucky enough to have a preview at some of the wonderful performances already. They have also been having PE sessions with a specialist coach every Tuesday and Thursday which I know the children have enjoyed. Our Reception children have also been enjoying messy play outside inspired by their story 'Dirty Bertie' and have taken part in experiments involving mouldy smelly bread and vegetables!

When we come back from our October break, we have many further events and activities in store for our pupils. In November, many of our Young Transformers activities will be launching. Our Year 2's will be treated to a special space theatre visit and Year 4 will continue their work with 3D pens creating wonderful masterpieces. More information will be shared with you in the next half term.

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.

Wishing you all a restful break.

Yours faithfully,
Mrs Matthews

YOUNG TRANSFORMERS



Creative Strand – Home Project

Young Transformers across the year groups are invited to use cameras, tablets and phones to take photos around the theme of 'Transformation'.

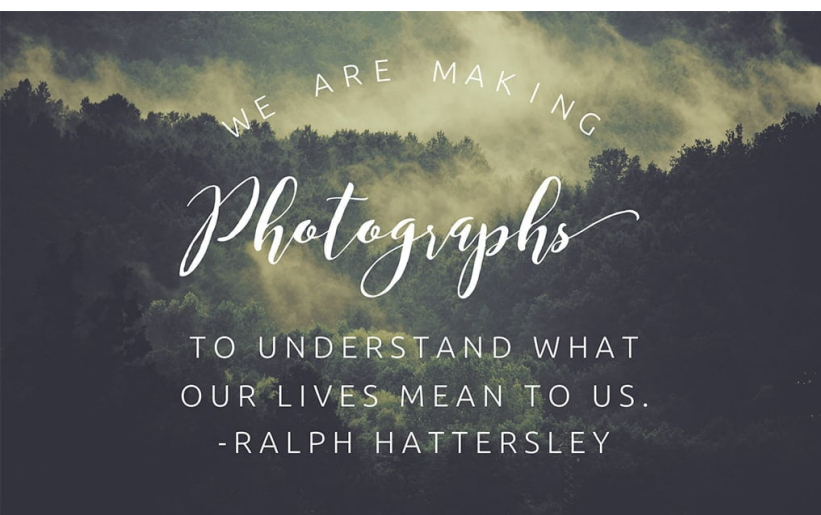
Photographers are encouraged to consider how they see transformations in nature, art, architecture, communities and beyond. Everyone is invited to send their best photo to enter for the Autumn Term Young Transformers award.

Please share your photographs with us using the school email

Email: st-marys-school@genesistrust.net

Subject Line: Young Transformers Creative Project

By viewing the world around us, we aim to change the way we see.





Here are some photos of our fantastic and creative classroom door displays which have started off our Young Transformers programme 2021-22 and I will be able to show them to you when you

visit us soon YOUNG TRANSFORMER



Cheese & Wine Evening

We will be holding 'cheese and wine' gatherings in the first week back after half term.

Here, you will have the chance to meet us in our school whilst enjoying cheese and a glass of wine. I really hope you will be able to join us for these meetings so we can all get to know each other a little bit better.

Reception, Year 5 and Year 6

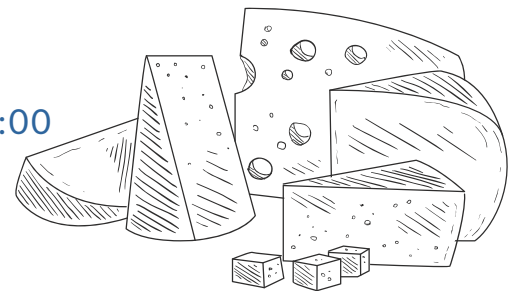
Tuesday 9th November 5:00-6:00 pm

Year 2 and Year 4

Wednesday 10th November 5:00-6:00 pm

Year 1 and Year 3

Thursday 11th November 5:00-6:00



Parents Evening

I am pleased to let you know that we have our first face to face parent consultations booked for this year on the 16th and 17th November.

During the consultation, you will have the opportunity to find out about your child's progress and targets. These consultations are a valuable element of the partnership we have with all parents and carers and it is important that you attend. If you are unable to attend, please speak to your child's class teacher.

We are using doodle to book appointments with your child's class teacher. If you need help with booking an appointment via doodle, please contact the school office.

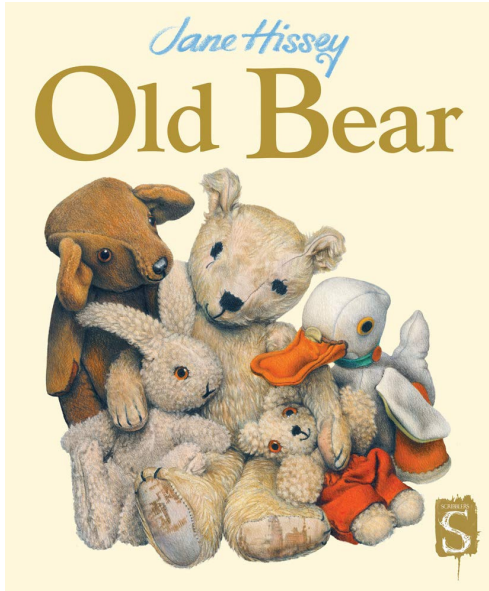
African Drumming Workshops



This week our children

CLASS CORNER

It's been a really exciting week in Year 1!



We have been exploring the story of Old Bear and his friends. We have particularly enjoyed performing socially distanced drama pieces to show how the characters were feeling at different parts of the story.

We have become very good at inferring now! We have also enjoyed creating our own art piece based on the 'Old Bear' story and our topic 'Toys'. We have used different materials to create Old Bear and his toy friends. We can't wait to put them up around our classroom to inspire our learning!

VALUE OF THE WEEK

This week for Collective worship, we looked at the Godly Characteristic of '**encouragement**', focused around the bible verse:

"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing." (1 Thessalonians 5:11).

The pupils explored the story of Paul's transformation and how he changed into a man of encouragement. How can we be encouraging this weekend, to our family, friends and in our community?

St. Mary's Christian Vision

I AM THE VINE AND YOU
ARE THE BRANCHES. IF
YOU REMAIN WITH ME AND
I WITH YOU, THEN YOU
WILL BEAR MUCH FRUIT.
LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I
HAVE LOVED YOU.
(JOHN 15).