



NEWSLETTER

“A Christ-centred school with a child-centred curriculum through wisdom and love”

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Next week is half term and it is fantastic that we have been back in school for seven weeks now and everyone has been safe and well motivated with their learning. A huge thank you to the staff that have created this positive learning environment and got the children learning again after lockdown. If you have time please email them and say thank you as it has been hard and there have been many challenges. **We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 2nd November.**

Learning – Some of the children would benefit from more reading, spelling and times tables practise over the holidays. If you have time then please give the children the opportunity. Most children love learning and it keeps them occupied. Websites you could look at are:

TTRockstars – <https://trockstars.com/>

Teach your monster to read - www.teachyourmonstertoread.com

www.topmarks.co.uk - Hit the Button is a great game

www.teachingtables.co.uk

My Maths

MyOn – for reading

I am sure that you will have others that your children use as well.

Video games – With half term approaching you may want to consider how much the children are on line. Some of the children are saying that they are playing or watching 18 yr computer games. Please do not let this happen, as the level of violence is too much for primary school children.

<https://www.healthygamer.gg/10-negative-effects-of-video-games/>

Vine leaves – **Stanley (Chi)** has been awarded a vine leaf for his perseverance and resilience -your scientific knowledge has astounded me – just be brilliant always – well done.

Kaylen J (SA) - demonstrating such a positive attitude to our Maths learning on multiplication and working with such perseverance and determination.

Lily R (SA) - creativity in writing - amazing vocabulary choices in your war story diary entry and always challenging yourself to improve your work further.

Joseph D (Ind) for perseverance with Phonics and Reading- he scored full marks on the practice Phonics Screening!

Gemma B (Ind) for courage- she is making thoughtful contributions to class discussions.

Frankie (USA) - patience and kindness throughout this first term back.

Freya (USA) - persistent positive attitude to school life.

Olivia (NZ) – For your humility in so many situations. You always put others before yourself.

Ruben S (SL), Holly D (SL), Martha L (SL), Jensen L (SL), Reg H (SL) – For perseverance and resilience and they have been wonderful talk partners and always, ALWAYS, shown incredible work ethic and listening skills in class.

Bubble entry times –DROP OFF (DO) & PICK UP (PU) TIMES

Thailand/France/India Classes - DO 8.30am - PU 2.45pm
New Zealand/Ireland/USA/Sierra Leone Classes DO 8.40am - PU 2.55pm
China/Mexico/Japan/South Africa Classes DO 8.50am - PU 3.05pm
UK & Austria Classes DO 9.00am - PU 3.15pm.

We are trying hard to keep your children safe and their bubbles apart, we need you to support us with this by sticking to your zone times

Coats, hats etc. – As the weather is getting colder and wetter, the children must have a coat in school every day, we like to get the children outside as much as possible.

Happy book – Every half term we award 4 – 6 children in each class a Happy Book certificate. This is a positive achievement to celebrate children's unique qualities; some may be academic and some maybe more personal, social and emotional. Whatever talent we want to celebrate this. The children will be presented with a certificate after half term to bring home. Please look out for them.

All Saints Eucharist – We are holding our All Saint's Eucharist on **Thursday 5th November at 9.30am.** We will be sending out a Zoom invite a couple of days before if any parents would like to join us.

Fruit kebabs – UK and Austria class have been making fruit kebabs this week. This was to reinforce simple repeating patterns, which they have been doing in Maths. Also encouraging healthy eating options and trying new things. This also helps with planning and implementing a task with some fine motor development with the threading activity.



Poppies – As we approach the 11th November, we will be selling poppies and other items at the front gate at the beginning and end of the day out on the playground. They will not be available in the school building so please do not send any money in with the child. **Prices vary between £1 and £2.**

Giving machine for PTA – Thank you to those people that attended the PTA AGM. We are very appreciative of the time. We know that many parents are buying things on line and will be on the run up to Christmas. Please could I ask you to sign up for this – it doesn't cost anything and we get a percentage back which will be spent on your children.

Just go to www.TheGivingMachine.co.uk

1. Join as a shopper
2. Choose to support St Mary's C.E (Aided) Primary School
3. Find online store, do your shopping Install a "Shop & Give" reminder so you get notified each time you visit a participating retailer.

Planetarium – The Observatory Science Centre from Hertsmonceaux visited Year 5 as part of their 'Earth, Space and beyond' topic. After talking to the children, we were amazed at how much information that they had taken on board and how the experience had brought the topic to life for them.



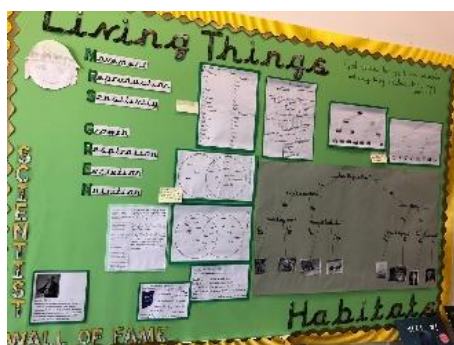
IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YEAR 6 TRANSFER TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

Applications for Y6 children to transfer to Secondary School in 2021 are important and the deadline to apply is **Saturday 31 October 2020**.

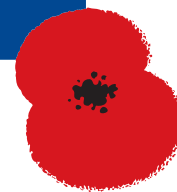
It is a parents' responsibility to ensure that an application is made on time for their child. Applications made after the deadline are not considered until after all on time applications and the outcome of the application may be affected if it is late. Applying after the deadline will significantly affect your chance of getting a place at your preferred school.

Have a lovely half term holiday and thank you for all your support during these very challenging times.

Window to the classroom



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