St Mary's Church of England Junior Academy

Newsletter 33 – 5th July 2024





CELEBRATING LEARNING

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week:

<u>Week ending 5th July</u> Robin – Matthew S 3 Skylark Connor Tapp 4 Kingfisher – Tiana S 4 Woodpecker – Samuel K 5 Avocet – Ellen W 5 Curlew – Caleb T 6 Falcon – Olivia B 6 Red Kite – Lexie R

<u>Star Value of the Week</u> LKS2 – Evie H UKS2 – Billie M

Dates for your Diary

9th July – Yr 5 Taster Day at LSHS

10th July – Yr 6 Performance 9.30am

12th July – Yr 6 Leavers Assembly at St Mary's Church 9.30am

13th July – Colour Fun Run

15th July – SEN Meetings

16th & 17th July – Transition Days

18th July – SEN Meetings



Year 3 Trip to Norwich Castle

Wow, what a fantastic trip Skylarks had on Tuesday, visiting Norwich Castle to extend their learning with Ancient Egypt. This was despite a transport delay with our trip, however we still managed to see everything. We learnt about mummification, which organs were removed and why. We took place in a drama lesson, gathering our foods for breakfast as it would have been in Ancient Egyptian times and finally learnt about the importance of jewellery to the Ancient Egyptians and managed to make our own! The children had a superb time and were a true credit to St Marys. Thank you too to all our parent volunteers who accompanied us.



Mrs Steer Curlew Class Teacher Assistant Headteacher

Year 6 Trip to Pleasurewood Hills

On Wednesday, Year 6 enjoyed their celebratory end of year treat to Pleasurewood Hills in Lowestoft. Despite the unpredictable weather, we set off by coach shortly after 9am, had a quick practice of our Peter Pan songs on the coach and were on the first set of rides by 10am. There were rides to suit all, but the favourites by far were Wipeout, Jolly Roger and Cannonball. Everyone met up for lunch at 12 noon at the Sealion show, where we were introduced to a Sealion named Elmo and also his son Dario. Dario is still in his early training stages; however, we were lucky enough to watch them both perform a number of impressive tricks. We then continued to enjoy the rest of the rides and headed back to school at 2pm for pick up. We are all really proud of year 6 for their exemplary behaviour throughout the day and are looking forward to their end of year party on the 18th!

Miss Minister Year 6 Teacher



Parking outside Nelson House

We have once again been asked by staff from Nelson House (opposite the school) for parents **NOT** to park in the entrance to their premises when dropping off or collecting their children. This causes a lot of problems for taxis who are collecting and dropping off to their premises. They have told us that they will be contacting the community police officers for their help with monitoring this situation.

Change of Lunch Menu

On Wednesday 10th July there will be a Sausage Roast instead of Pork and on Thursday 11th July there will be Hunters Chicken (Chicken in a BBQ Sauce), instead of Chicken and Sweetcorn Pie. If you need to change your child's option, please email the office.

Head Lice

Unfortunately, head lice have been seen in the school again. Please can we ask that you check your children's hair at the weekend and treat if necessary. Many thanks

Lost Property

We have a big pile of lost property in school. This is not only uniform, but other items such as hoodies, winter coats, shoes and sunglasses!!! Please check at home to see if your child has lost any of these items (especially coats) and feel free to come into the office to check. Any leftover items will be disposed of at the end of the school year.

Outstanding Payments

Could we ask all parents to check their Parentmail Accounts before the end of the school year, to make sure that they have no outstanding payments for sports clubs, dinners etc. Even if your child has not had a lunch for a while, it could be that an amount is still required to be paid which has been forgotten about. Please address any queries to the office. Please ensure that all payments are made by **Friday 19th July.** Thank you.



St Benet's Cup

After a successful first year, the St. Benet's Cup returned last week, with schools from around the St. Benet's Trust competing in a 5-a-side football tournament on the 3G pitches at the Long Stratton Leisure Centre. The tournament was run as three smaller tournaments: KS2 girl, UKS2 mixed and LKS2 mixed, with teams from Diss Junior Academy, Newton Flotman Primary Academy and St. Mary's Junior Academy competing against one another for the St. Benet's Cup.

After a morning of non-stop action, the tournament finished with three grand finals for each of the respective groups. St. Mary's were represented in each of the finals and it was indeed St. Marys that won every single one of their finals, including a dramatic penalty shootout, to retain the St. Benet's Cup for another year.

Y3/Y4 Mixed winners: Al Marys Y5/Y6 Mixed winners: St Marys City All Stars KS2 Girls winners: St Mary's Lightning Bolts

It was another wonderful morning of competitive sports and lovely to see so many children both enjoying themselves and engaging in physical activity. We are actively encouraging children to join local sports teams and if you would like support for your team please let me know and I will try to signpost you in the right direction.

Mr Roberts, PE Lead







Photo Proofs

This week your child should have brought home a proof card for their Class Photo or Year 6 Leaver Photos. If you would like to purchase these, please could you do so as soon as possible, so that they can be delivered back into school before the end of the term.

Attendance

Every day at school adds up, so make the most of it. As part of the national 'Everyday Counts' attendance campaign, we will continue to monitor attendance very closely. If you need support on this matter please make an appointment to see Mrs Dale our pastoral officer or visit <u>www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/attendance</u> Well Done to the following top three classes for their attendance during the week $24^{th} - 28^{th}$ June 2024.

4 Kingfisher	97%
5 Curlew	96.5%
6 Falcon	93.7%





St Mary's PTA Events...

FREEZER POP FRIDAYS

Unfortunately, Freezer Pop Friday will need to be cancelled this week, but last Friday we managed to raise £26.50 towards PTA funds.

MONEY RAISED

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our non-school uniform day last Friday in celebration of Pride. We managed to raise £104.00

LONG STRATTON COLOUR FUN RUN AND FETE

Manor Field Infant PTA are very excited to be organising their first ever Colour Fun Run on Saturday 13th July, from 9am onwards. This unique event will involve students completing a run on the High School field while being showered in coloured powder.

The run will be followed by a small fete at Manor Field Infant School. Refreshments will be available to purchase on the day. If you are interested, please complete the attached form.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS CELEBRTIONS

The Year 6's will be having a leaving celebration on the 18th July between 1.00pm and 3.00pm. This is mostly funded by the PTFA with a few additional costs. See poster opposite for more information.



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Dates for the year ahead:

09/07/24	Year 5 Taster Day at LSHS
10/07/24	Year 6 Performance for Parents 9.30 am (for approx. 1 1/2 hours)
12/07/24	Year 6 Church Service (Year 6 parents welcome) 9.30am
13/07/24	Long Stratton Schools Colour Fun Run and Fete at Manor Field Infant School Run starts at 9.30am followed by fete at Manor Field until 12 noon
16/07/24	Whole School Transition Day
17/07/24	Whole School Transition Day
18/07/24	Yr 6 Leavers Party 1.00 – 3.00pm
19/07/24	Last day of Term
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