



St Mary's C of E Primary School
'Excellence Together, Learning through Faith'

Update Friday 29th January 2021
Head Teacher Mrs Lynne Osborne

Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm sure that, like us, many of you will have been extremely disappointed to hear the Prime Minister's announcement that schools will not be reopening until at the earliest 8th March. However, the fantastic St Mary's team are continuing to develop and improve our remote learning provision and remain committed to doing anything they can to help you with the ongoing challenge. Many of you have taken the time to write to teachers individually and thank them for their efforts. While this is not necessary, it is very much appreciated and really does make a difference.



Let's hope the weather forecast is correct and the weekend brings snow, always a magical experience! Wishing you all a fun-filled weekend.

Please send in your snowy fun pictures to admin@stmarys916.herts.sch.uk so that we can share them on our social media platforms.

This week's 'reasons to be cheerful', some of Year 3's fantastic remote learning activities:

Mrs Christie says: *Beth has been really enjoying her Maths work and loves learning new things. Benjamin gave a great explanation of how to calculate the perimeter of regular shapes. Samuel has written a fabulous newspaper report about his experiences as a frog. Eliza is showing great enthusiasm for all her home learning and Jenna has produced detailed and well-presented Science work.*

Well done to all of Year 3 keep it up!



Sir Linkalot news:

I'm delighted that so many of you have been learning your tricky spellings with Sir Linkalot. If you haven't logged on yet please do, it's great fun.

Jack loves Sir Linkalot and says, 'it's hilarious I love the tips and hints!' He's now competent in spelling 'manoeuvre' and 'colour' and he's in Year 1!

Another 'shout out' for the fabulous Freya whose tip for spelling spaghetti was shared live on Sir Linkalot's broadcast yesterday. Any more handy tips Freya!

3 O'Clock Stop!

Next week is week 3 of **3 O'clock Stop!** on Google Classrooms

Monday 1st February	Miss Forsyth's story time – ages 7-11 Chapter 3 of 'One dog and his boy.' By Eva Ibbotson
Tuesday 2nd February	Mrs Osborne famous faces talk - This week Greta Thunberg
Wednesday 3rd February	Mrs Tavender Bible Story – whole school
Thursday 4th February	Mrs Bates story time –suitable for 3-7 year olds
Friday 5th February	Mrs Osborne story time – Children's choice whole school Children which book should I choose? Drop your teachers/the office a line to let me know.

Time for a change!

Next week's Collective Worship sessions will be held at the later time of 11.30 a.m. This is in response to parent feedback and will enable all children to complete at least one of their home learning activities before joining in whole school worship.

Anyone for coffee?



Having spent the past few weeks at home I'm aware of how lonely, boring and frustrating it can get. Why not join me for a 'Zoom' coffee morning where we can chat about how things are going and offer each other some support? All welcome.

Thursday 4th February 10.30 a.m. The Zoom code will be sent out next week.

Blue Peter Badge



Many congratulations to Ella whose acrostic poem about 'Blue Peter' saw her being awarded with the highly prized Blue Peter Badge. Congratulations Ella – wear it with pride.

Maths news

Well done all you Home Learners and Home Schoolers! You are all doing an amazing job keeping up with all the daily lessons.

Here are a couple of websites that I hope will help ease the stress of maths at home. Feel free to explore these websites and play the games on them. Let us know if any are particularly good (or not that great!).

Mathsframe <https://mathsframe.co.uk/>

Active maths <http://www.activemaths.co.uk/index.html>

If you are learning a particular topic in maths, your teacher may set some of these games for you to practise on.

Don't forget about Sumdog! <https://www.sumdog.com/en/>

The children really love the maths games on here and it is a completely safe platform for them to use. Years 1-6 should all have logins but if you can't remember them drop me an email (year4@stmarys916.herts.sch.uk) and I will try and find it for you.

Funbrain <https://www.funbrain.com/math-zone> - great games for all year groups

There are also some maths games on Purple Mash

<https://www.purplemash.com/sch/northchurch>

which all children have a login for.

We are grateful for all that you are doing with your children at home to keep them connected to school - keep going!

Mrs Tavender

Feeling Good Week

Monday 8th February sees the start of our annual Feeling Good Week and there's never been a more important time to focus on this. Mrs Archbold has been busy organising events which will include:

Monday -Lockdown Art

Tuesday - Bake Off

Wednesday - Workout Wednesday

Whole school Zoom exercise session.

Thursday - Pop Dance

EYFS - 11:20-11:50

KS1 - 1:30 - 2:00

KS2 - 2:15 - 3:00

Friday - Celebration

A big zoom assembly to celebrate what we have achieved this week!
More details to follow

A final note:

What's the best book your child has read over Lockdown? Can you share your top reads on the 3 O' Clock stop stream?

