



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter- Friday 2nd December 2022



We are all very aware of the challenges faced due to increases in the cost of living, increases in food prices and energy bills that seem to be ever growing. At school we have access to organisations that can provide support in buying much needed household items, help to access funding to pay for energy bills or help with specific needs you might have. Please come and speak to us or drop us an email if you need such help and remember you are not alone.

We have a number of children and adults away with illness at the moment and it is a picture that seems to be the same across the country. Post Covid, it appears that our and our children's immunity is not what it was. As a precautionary measure we have started to introduce additional cleaning of key areas in the school during the school day and slightly opened a few windows to create some air flow in the classes. Children might want to wear some extra layers at this time and make sure they always have their coats in school as it is cold outside.

This week Robin's have been making Christmas tree decorations to decorate a tree for the Dalwood Church Festival. Our Christmas film is 'Robin, Robin'. We read the children the story Robin, Robin and then they made robins and mice to hang on the tree. If you have time, please go and visit St Giles Church in Dalwood. It is a wonderful festival.

This week Woodpeckers have been very curious when learning about Advent and Amelia Earhart; they have all had a go in their new maths topics of numbers to 20 and shapes and they have all aimed high in their reading in class. Well done Woodpecker class.

In Owl's, they have started to look at how Advent is a time that they are starting to prepare for Christmas, like Mary prepared for the birth of Jesus. In English, they are looking at a poem called Cold, they will be writing their own poems focussing on noun phrases. The children are continuing to learn about the countries and capital cities of Europe in Geography, they even drew some of the flags.

This week in Kestrels they have completed their cooking topic. They worked in groups independently to make pastry and chose how they shaped the pastry for the lid for their mince pies. In maths they have been working on times tables. They have worked on the multiplication and division facts for all their times tables.

In Eagle class this week children have enjoyed writing about Roald Dahl and imagining they were him. They have had a wonderful art afternoon and explored creating different Christmas trees inspired by a range of artists.

PE class days- Autumn term

- *Robin Class Monday-Wednesday
- *Woodpecker Class Monday-Tuesday
- *Owl class Monday-Wednesday
- *Kestrel class Thursday-Friday swimming
- *Eagle class Wednesday-Thursday

Ten Ten November Newsletter.

Please follow the link to the parent's newsletter.

<http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

Dates for your diary

5th December- Last week of school clubs

7TH December- band in school to perform for children

8th and 9th December – Nativity for Woodpecker and Owls

13th December- Eagle and Kestrel Advent Assembly & evening for music concert

14th December- Christmas Lunch & afternoon carol service

16th December- Last day of school and non-uniform day

St Mary's Values			
Living, loving and learning with God			
Safe	Trust	Achievement	Resilience
Forgiveness			
Respectful	Aim high		
Responsible	Have a go		
Caring	Curious		
Value each other	Self-belief		

Stars of the week!

Robin class - Arlo

Woodpecker class - Leo

Owl class - Aisha

Kestrel class - Lilly

Eagle class - Shannon

Music award - Robin Class

Sport award - Lilly

Thank you for the selection boxes we have already received, if you have not yet shared your donation there is still time to deliver them to the office.

Go Ape Christmas Card Competition

www.goape.co.uk

Here are some links to a Go Ape 2022 Christmas Card Competition, with all the information on how to enter, when to enter by, and the amazing prizes they have on offer this year:

[Click here for the 2022 Christmas Card Competition.](#)

[Click here for more information on our fantastic outdoor school trips.](#)

Good luck!

Homework

Woodpecker:

Maths

Yr1- D1-19

Yr2- S1-8

English

Yr1- A1-2

Yr2- P1-7

Owl:

English:

Year 2: EE 1-3 and KK 1-3

Year 3: LL 1-3 and RR 2-4

Homework

Kestrel:

IXL homework Maths F8, F9, F12 Keep practising all tables as well!

English B1

Eagle:

Maths:

Please choose an area of math you wish to practice at home and develop this as part of your homework.

English:

Have a go at writing a biography about someone in your family. What information would you want to include? Can they tell you an interesting story about their life that you could share?

Useful Links

Devon County Financial Support and Advice

Help with household bills, energy costs and financial assistance

Do you need help with childcare costs? Please click the link below.

The Government's Childcare Choices lists all the schemes available here

Axminster Foodbank

Contact: Hanover House, Ex13 5Bj Chard Street, Axminster EX13 5DZ · 01297 32331