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St Mary and St Peter Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Year 2 Curriculum News

We have been learning how to tell the time including quarter to and quarter past. We have been hunting for 3.D. shapes around the playground as well, and have been learning about edges, faces and vertices. In English we have been reading Traction Man and learning about adventure stories. We are writing our own adventure stories set in our classroom and making characters out of silly objects like Evil Dr. Glue. In RE we have been drawing the Holy Spirit, we drew it as a dove and used oil crayons to carefully colour our picture in. By Evie.

Official Opening of our new School Library

On Tuesday afternoon, the school was full with the buzz, awe and wonder that comes from books and reading. We were extremely pleased to welcome the newly appointed Mayor for Great Yarmouth, Mrs Kerry Robinson-Payne who had the great honour of cutting the ribbon and marking this key moment for our school. We were also joined by Sara Stanley, a leading practitioner and educationalist, specialising in philosophy and enquiry based learning who worked with children to help them to use picture books to explore and challenge their thinking.

In addition, we had the pleasure of welcoming a local artist, Rebecca Osbourne who came to work with children, parents, staff and governors to create some bespoke artwork that will decorate the new library. The afternoon was beautifully finished off with a book sale in the school hall run by Norfolk Children's Book Centre and open to all of our school community. Please see the Great Yarmouth Mercury published today for more information.

Sponsor a Book

We have had an excellent response to our Sponsor a Book opportunity in our new school library. We are still accepting Sponsor a Book donations through Wisepay – Other Products icon. Once an amount has been pledged you will receive a form to complete and your child will be able to choose a book of their choice. Thank you so much to everyone who has sponsored a book, we really are most grateful for your help in supporting our children to develop great mindsets to have lifelong enjoyment in 'Reading for Pleasure'.

Norfolk Raising Learners

Norfolk County Council are promoting raising learners skills in maths – have a look at the poster attached to the end of this newsletter to give you some more information about how you can help your child develop their maths skills.

Journeying Together in Faith and Greatness

Our school motto of 'Journeying Together in Faith' helps children to understand that learning is a continuous process that never ends. We are working across the school to promote the principle of greatness in learning, mind set and behaviour. This is most easily described as 'going the extra mile' and this principle helps children become more independent in their learning and understand how their fantastic efforts in class are helping them move forward on their individual learning journeys. Please do talk with your children more about greatness and how they are 'going the extra mile' on their journeys in learning.

Sunny/Warm Weather

All children need sun hats, suncream and water bottles in school please.

Regional School's Commissioner Visit and School Coasting Criteria

During the spring term, we were really pleased to welcome Pippa Bull, an Education Adviser from the Department of Education (DfE) Regional School's Commissioner's Office (RSC), to visit our school together with Brian Conway, Chief Executive Officer of St John the Baptist Catholic Multi Academy Trust. The visit was extremely positive in helping Pippa Bull and Brian Conway to gather more information about the success of our strategies for improving our test scores at KS2. Currently, some elements of our school data meet the criteria for the government's definition of Coasting Schools. The definition relates to aggregated test data from the past three years, in particular the proportion of children who meet the government's expected standard. It does not include any wider factors which are known to influence how well a school performs.

We have been busy working on a range of actions which we know will help us improve our test scores to the government's expected levels. Since this visit, we have received a letter from Tim Coulson, the Regional Schools' Commissioner from the DfE stating that, "the school has detailed plans that clearly target raising pupil achievement and progress," and that we are, "providing pupils with the support they need to succeed." We will of course continue to work closely with the RSC and look forward to reporting to them later this year with information about how much further the school has improved. There will be plenty to share and celebrate to identify the superb achievements children are making in their learning and achieving greatness.

Yr3 Walsingham Trip

The first thing we did was go to Mass and at Mass we sang special songs. After lunch we went to the Slipper Chapel and a nun told us about the Slipper Chapel and Mary. By Taylor & Laureine

When we went to Walsingham unfortunately it was raining. We went to the Slipper Chapel and we saw a big statue of Mary. By Danny & Fedra

Yr 4 Green Britain Centre Trip

When we went to Green Britain everyone was excited. Firstly we made turbines and did fun trails but the craziest part was climbing the turbine, everyone's heart was pounding. When we had done it everyone was out of energy, it was a really fun day and we were glad we went. By Connor Kelf.

Yr 6 Residential Activity Trip

Y6 have enjoyed the last three days developing their outdoor and adventurous learning skills at Eaton Vale Residential Centre. The three days has included raft building, canoeing, archery, abseiling and mountain biking. More information from them about their visit in the next newsletter!

Yr 6 High School Transition Dates

The transition dates for Year 6 going to high school are as follows: -

- Cliff Park - Monday 3rd July and Tuesday 4th July
- Lynn Grove - Monday 3rd July, Tuesday 4th July, Wed 5th July
- Ormiston Academy - Tuesday 4th July, Wednesday 5th July
- Notre Dame - Thursday 13th July.

May half term at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist

Join us at The Narthex and St John's Cathedral for a relaxing start to the summer – enjoy a light bite from the Garden café's new menu and relax outside in the beautiful enclosed gardens. Daily 'Secret

Garden Trail' available for children age 6 and up, with summer themed craft indoors for children of all ages, including the opportunity to make a butterfly or bee crown!

Free, Tuesday 30th May – Saturday 3rd June 11am – 2pm

Academic Year 2017 – 2018

At the end of this summer term, we will sadly be saying goodbye to Mrs Merriott who is our Y4 Class Teacher and also Teaching and Learning Leader. She has been successful in promotion and is moving to another school. Mrs Merriott has been a leading role in the development of our school in recent years and we are very grateful for her efforts and contributions to our school community. We will be very sad to say goodbye but incredibly proud to see her move onwards to develop her career further.

We will have Miss Lyons joining our school team from September to take on the role of Teaching and Learning Leader and also Class Teacher. Miss Lyons joins us from St Mary's school in Lowestoft and already knows our school very well through our MAT networks. Miss Lyons also worked here for a secondment period three years ago and is really looking forward to being a permanent member of our school community.

The Class Teachers for the next academic year will be as follows:

Nursery – Miss Cooper
Reception – Mrs Ricketts
Year One – Miss Colella
Year Two – Miss Lyons
Year Three – Mr Brackenbury
Year Four – Miss Nobes
Year Five – Miss Cullum
Year Six – Mr Rebecca

Our whole school Transition day for each class to spend time with their new teaching team will be on Tuesday 4th July. Further details and information about next year will follow in due course.

UPCOMING DATES	EVENT	ACTION REQUIRED
29 th May – 2 nd June	Whitsun Holiday	Term starts Monday 5 th June.
7 th June	Year 4 Pentecost visit to St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School	Please order a packed lunch on line or provide a home packed lunch.
14 th June	Class photos to be taken	
22 nd June	Year 6 Robotics Roadshow at Carrow Road	All permissions to be complete online.
22 nd June	Year 2 Sounds for Summer	All permissions to be complete online.
23 rd June	Keystage 1 Mass – 10.00 am	All welcome
26 th June	Year 5 Gresham's Prep School WCET Celebration Day	Further details to follow.
27 th June	Year 1 trip to Time & Tide Museum	Online permissions/voluntary donation to be complete by 7 th June 2017.
29 th June	Whole school mass at 10.00 am.	All Welcome.
30 th June	Sports Day: – EYFS & Keystage 1 am & Keystage 2 pm.	Further details to follow.
5 th July	Year 1 & 2 - Choir at Kings Centre	Permission to be completed online.
7 th July	Years 3 & 4 Mass 10.00 am	All Welcome.
12 th July	Year 5 to visit Notre Dame for Science Day	Online permission to be complete.
14 th July	No Mass	
21 st July	Whole School Mass 10.00 am.	All Welcome.
24 th July – 5 th September	Summer Holidays	Term starts Wednesday 6 th September 2017.
18 th October	Y6 (Current Year 5) residential visit to Eaton Vale	Further details to follow.

