

St Mary and St Peter Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER



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We seek to inspire in children the joy and wonder of learning, through cherishing, nurturing, supporting and challenging each one, whatever their talents and needs. As we journey together with Christ, we aim to develop in all children intellectual curiosity, creative endeavor, compassion for others and the courage to act on their beliefs.

New Executive Headteacher for St Mary and St Peter and St Mary's Schools

Dear pupils, parents, carers and friends,

We are delighted to let you know that we have appointed Mrs Priscilla Crane as our new Executive Headteacher for St Mary and St Peter Roman Catholic Primary School, and also for St Marys Catholic Primary School in Lowestoft. Mrs Crane was our unanimous and confident choice and comes with a strong background in Catholic education and huge experience in leading schools. Mrs Crane was previously Deputy Headteacher at one of our Catholic Primary schools in our Trust, and then became a highly successful Head of a large school in Norwich which she led to excellent standards and an impressive OFSTED judgement. Most recently she has worked as a Senior Officer in Cambridgeshire County Council, leading school improvement across many Primary schools in that Local Authority. We are very lucky and pleased to have such a superb candidate to appoint!

Mrs Crane will be taking up her post in February and this means that there will be a short time between our current Headteacher Mrs Long leaving and Mrs Crane starting, but you can be reassured that the Governors and the Trust have plans to support the school and ensure a smooth handover. In the meantime Mrs Crane will be visiting the schools, getting to know pupils and staff, and especially getting to know parents. Look out for some opportunities to meet her at some special parent events that we will be arranging soon.

We will of course be very sad to say good bye to our current Headteacher Mrs Long, and we want to thank her on your and the pupils' behalf for all her hard work and excellent service to this school. We wish Mrs Long the very best in her new role and are grateful for everything that she has given to our school.

With best wishes, Brian Conway CEO of St John the Baptist Catholic MAT & John Harris Chair of Governors

Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair will be held on Thursday 22nd November 2018 from 3.15 to 5.00 all the details are in a letter sent out earlier this week.

We have one or two stall spaces, if you know anyone who would like a stall at our fair please ask them to contact the school.

Any parents who would like to help us with the Christmas Fair please contact the school office.

St Mary's and St. Peter's Youth Ministries- Faith Club

After school, a club will be running for an hour, three times a month on Fridays.

The venue will be at St. Peter's from 3:15 – 4:15 pm. It is open to all primary school children in our parish to help them grow in their catholic faith, meet new friends and other interesting activities.

Those interested should contact the parish office or any of the priests. The club starts in January 2019.



Our school values are –

- Love
- Peace
- Joy
- Patience
- Kindness
- Respect
- Honesty
- Forgiveness
- Trust
- Hope
- Resilience
- Challenge



Our school code of conduct:

- MINDSET**
- PEACE**
- RESPECT**

Children’s University

The following is a list of dates your child’s Children’s University Passport must be returned for update. Passports received by 9.00 am on the following days will be updated with this half terms clubs/activities etc: -

- Monday 10th December 2018
- Monday 11th February 2019
- Monday 1st April 2019
- Monday 20th May 2019
- Monday 15th July 2019

Any passports received after this time will not be updated.

If your child does not have a Children’s University Passport (age 5+) and would like to take part in the scheme please contact the school office. There will be a graduation ceremony in the summer term for pupils.

Girls Football Competition

On Saturday we went to Woodlands Primary School for a football tournament. We played 7 matches but 1 was a friendly as this team did not have enough players. Isabella scored in the friendly game but it did not count for the tournament result. We drew most of our games but we won 2 our scorers were Isabella, Binnie, Michelle and Olivia. Well done to everyone who took part. By Isabella and Binnie Yr 6

Absence

Thank you to all parents who call the school and leave a message to say their child is unwell. Please ensure when leaving a message you state the nature of your child’s illness, this is required by our attendance person. All parents need to call the school office **no later than 9.15 am** to advise if your child will not be in school please.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We will very soon have a vacancy on our governing board for a parent governor and we are seeking nominations of any parent who may be interested in taking up this role. More information is available under the ‘News’ tab. <https://smspprimary.co.uk/our-school/governing-body/> Nomination papers are available online or from the school office. They must be received by the school office no later than 12:00noon on Tuesday 20th November 2018.

Booking School Dinners

We have had a number of parents who are regularly not booking school meals by the deadline. Please ensure meals for the whole of the following week are booked by 23.59 on a Sunday.

Parking

Please ensure when parking outside the school gates you park considerately to our neighbours and other road users. Parents are **not** permitted to park in the car park next to the school (old doctors’ surgery) this is private parking and we have had a number of complaints from the residents.

Books for Schools

We are saving Books for Schools tokens which are available in the EDP, Evening News, Great Yarmouth Mercury, The Journal and other local papers. There is a collection box for these in school and we would be very grateful for any tokens.



Book Fair

We are pleased to advise we sold £629.96 worth of books at our book fair. Happy reading to lots of our children. We will be using the commission to purchase lots of books for our school in the near future.

Collecting Children from Clubs

We request that parents **do not** come and collect their children early from clubs. The clubs finish at 4.00 pm. Staff running the clubs have advised it is extremely disruptive when children leave early.

Girls Football Tournament at Cliff Park – 8th November 2018

We played 9 games in total. We won 6 games and drew 3. We only conceded 1 goal in 9 games! Well done to everyone especially Chloe Yr 6 and Michelle Yr 5 for saving lots of goals. Isabella and Michelle Yr 6 for scoring 2 goals and Nyla Yr 6 for scoring 3 goals.
By Binnie, Isabella & Nyla Yr 6

Well done to all the girls who took part and represented our school. We are waiting to hear if we have qualified for the next round.

Application for Reception September 2019

As you will be aware the process has now started for parents to apply for their child's place for a Reception place for September 2019. If you are considering our school as one of your choices we would be happy to show you around, please call the school office to make an appointment.

If you do make our school one of your choices for a place you will need to complete a Supplementary Information form which is available on our website under Our School followed by admissions or using the following link <https://smspprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Supplementary-Information-Form-primary-2019-intake.pdf> - this form must be completed and returned to us no later than the 15th January 2019.



This week, we pray thinking of our school values of 'hope, love and joy.'

God of our longing hear our parents, protect our dreams, and listen to our silent hopes. Give us courage to hold fast our vision, that we may build our world and create our future. Amen

SCHOOL DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT	ACTION FOR PARENTS & CARERS
15 th November 2018	Yr 3 Togetherness Café – 2.00 – 3.00	Year 3 parents welcome.
16 th November 2018	Children In Need	See letter sent home this week.
16 th November 2018	Yr 2 Class Mass – 10.00 am	Year 2 parents welcome.
16 th November 2018	Yr 6 Togetherness Café – 1.30 – 2.30	Year 6 parents welcome.
20 th November 2018	Flu Immunisation – Yr R to Yr 5	Permission forms to be returned as soon as possible.
21 st November 2018	Yr 4 Togetherness Café – 2.00 -3.00	Year 4 parents welcome.
22 nd November 2018	Christmas Fair – 3.15 – 5.00	See letter sent home earlier this week.
23 rd November 2018	Yr 5 Class Mass – 10.00 am	All Welcome.
23 rd November 2018	Yr 5 Togetherness Café – 11.00 – 12.00	Year 5 parents welcome.
27 th November 2018	Sounds4Christmas – Yrs 1 & 2	Tickets available at The Minster on the night.
30 th November 2018	Yr 4 Class Mass – 10.00 am	All Welcome.
4 th – 5 th December 2018	Festival of Carols – Yarmouth Minster	Ticket information to follow shortly.
5 th December 2018	Deadline for booking Christmas dinner	Meals must be booked by 5 th December 2018.
7 th December 2018	Yr 3 Class Mass – 10.00 am	All Welcome.
7 th December 2018	Yr 1 & 2 Advent Togetherness Café 2.00 – 3.00	Year 1 & 2 parents welcome.
12 th December 2018	Christmas Dinner	Booking by 5 th December 2018.
13 th December 2018	Nursery & Reception - Advent Togetherness	Nursery & Year R parents welcome.
14 th December 2018	Whole School Mass – 10.00 am	All Welcome.
14 th December 2018	Christmas Jumper Day.	Donations for Save The Children.
19 th Dec – 2 Jan 2019	Christmas holidays.	Thursday 3 rd January 2019 children return to school
7 th January 2019	Year 3 start swimming.	Swimming kits to come into school on this day.
30 th January 2019	Gym Competition – Ormiston Venture	
11 th Feb & 13 th Feb 2019	Parent / Teacher Consultation meetings	Further details will be available nearer the time.
18 th –22 nd February 2019	Half-term.	Monday 25 th February children return to school.
25 th February 2019	Year 4 start swimming.	Swimming kits to come into school on this day.
8 th April – 22 nd April	Easter holidays.	Tuesday 23 rd April 2019 children return to school.
13 th – 17 th May 2019	Yr 6 SATS week.	
22 nd – 24 th May 2019	Yr 6 Residential – Eaton Vale	Next installment due 2 nd January 2019.
27 th May – 31 st May 2019	Half-term.	Monday 3 rd June 2019 children return to school.
Monday 22 nd July 2019	Summer holidays commences.	

