

St Mary's

# NEWSLETTER

*We choose courage over comfort because we know that 'the Lord our God is with us'.*

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Y5 - At the national Space Centre 10.7.24



We are called to create an environment where both children and staff aspire to be, and give, their best. Everyone is emboldened to take risks, overcome challenges and be courageous in their efforts to achieve their potential. Leaders make bold curriculum choices that enable children to:

- gain knowledge, skills and experiences to navigate life in an evolving world; and
- develop characteristics such as self-belief, ambition, and resilience to overcome life's challenges.

**"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God is with you." (Joshua 1:9)**

## Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back! It's so lovely to have all the children in school now. We've had a fabulous first few days back with two trips out, and two year groups taking part in outdoor learning events. We have a really exciting year coming up in school too! Speaking of which...

## #CourageOverComfort Campaign

This year we will be running a fundraising campaign. The name is taken from our new vision statement! The launch event will be a whole school Colour Run on the afternoon of 23rd September - please see a separate letter coming your way for further details. Please also keep an eye on our social media and share/like our posts about this.

On the morning of 23.9.24. We really need some parent volunteers to help prepare for the event. If you are able to give your time, please let your child's class teacher know!

## North Ashfield Partnership (NAP)

NAP are an inclusive partnership who work with schools across Nottinghamshire delivering SEMH (Social, Emotional and Mental Health) support both in and out of schools. On this website you will find a menu of support carried out by the NAP and some helpful resources and courses, accessible for parents. For any applications to sessions for your children, please speak to Miss Wain.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

**Best Wishes,  
Miss Robinson**

## Upcoming Diary Dates:

Y3/4 Outdoor Learning Day - 19.9.24

Colour Run **#CourageOver Comfort** - 23.9.24

Parent Participation Meeting - 23.9.24 9.30am

Y3/4 Cross Country Event - 24.9.24

Y2 Trip to Creswell Crags - 25.9.24

Y1/2 Outdoor Learning Day - 26.9.24

Y5 Trip to Southwell Workhouse - 1.10.24

YR Outdoor Learning Day - 3.10.24

Y5/6 Handball Competition - 3.10.24

Harvest Festival @ Church - 10.10.24



Y6 - Outdoor Learning 12.9.24

# Class Updates

## Reception - Mrs Price

The first week of school has been amazing! We've had a great time exploring our classroom and learning all about school life. We've had lots of fun choosing our learning within the classroom. George, Reggie, and Adriel have especially enjoyed using the outdoor water area and experimenting with the pipes to see how the water can travel. The children have also enjoyed using our prayer space within the classroom. They have blown bubbles and taken a moment to think of others. In English, we have been reading different stories to help us settle into school, such as "It's Great to Be Kind" and "The Colour Monster". The children have enjoyed learning about different emotions and sharing their own experiences of when they felt different emotions. During our topic time, we worked together to come up with five class rules, which are: using kind hands, using kind words, taking care of the classroom, listening, and always showing our school values.

## Y1 - Miss Bower

We have had a busy week this week which we ended with a fantastic trip to the wildlife park! They children had an amazing time and consolidated their learning from our science lessons, where we have been learning about omnivores, herbivores, and carnivores. In English this week we wrote character description for themselves and explored different adjectives to try and find the most exciting. In maths this week we have been practising counting and we have also started to practise writing our numbers to ten in letters! Next week, we will be starting to plan the recount of our school trip, representing numbers to 20 and continuing to explore our family trees. We are looking forward to another exciting week.

## Y2 - Mrs Turvey

Y2 have had a busy time since coming back to school. They are quickly learning their new routines and enjoying being back with their friends. In English we've started enjoying our new text Little Red. We've enjoyed role playing the story with props and writing a character description. In Maths we've been recapping our Y1 knowledge by recognising numbers to 100 and representing these in different ways. In DT we've planned and prepared a picnic lunch where we had to chop, slice, peel and spread lots of different fruits and vegetables. We had a great time! In computing we've been practising logging on and off the iPads independently using our logins.

## Y3 - Miss Wain

This week the children have been representing 3-digit numbers and counting in 4s, 8s and 10s in Maths. In English, we have begun to write our Wanted leaflet all about the Iron Man. In RE, we have been exploring what a Gospel is and how Christians live out their life linking to the calling of the first disciples. In Science, we have been conducting an experiment into the amount of friction created by different surfaces. In Computing the children looked at online safety and the creation of an online profile. In DT, we have begun to create our own design brief for our catapult. Next week, we will be exploring magnets in Science, completing our health and safety forms in DT and continue to write our Wanted leaflet.

## Y4 - Miss Cave

Year 4 have had a fabulous first full week! They have been really busy planning to write their own newspaper report about a whale sighting! They have been thinking about how to use direct speech and other features such as past tense verbs! In Maths, they have been thinking about place value to 1000 and have been using the practical resources to make numbers alongside working with number lines that have different start and end values. In DT, they have been thinking about the user for a pulley/hoist! Next week, they will be designing their own pulley for a water rescue! In PE, they have been thinking about passing and receiving the ball in handball. They have been practising a shoulder pass and a bounce pass. Next week, they will be learning ball handling and footwork!

## Y5 - Mr Terry

Year 5 have had a very busy first full week at school! We immersed ourselves in our first text in English, The Viewer by Shaun Tan. The class explored the main character's bedroom as part of our hook session, examining some of the wonderful and strange objects the character had collected. This really helped the children to engage with the text and we've been very excited to read it further throughout the week. Maths has covered Place Value, looking at Roman numerals and building to representations of up to 5-digit numbers using both concrete resources and pictorially. In our wider curriculum, we have started our Spanish unit, translating vocabulary of breakfast items, as well as recapping their skills from Coding in Year 4 prior to them starting their Year 5 Coding unit in Computing. The highlight of the week has to be our day trip to the National Space Centre. We had a jam-packed day including an engaging workshop about the Earth, Moon and Sun as well as a 3D viewing experience in the Planetarium. The children loved getting hands-on with all of the artefacts on display in the Centre and a fantastic day was had by all.

## Y6 - Miss Smith

What a wonderful week Year 6 have had! They have started so many new topics and have produced some lovely work. In English, they have travelled back in time to an air raid from WW2 and are producing a diary entry about what the event was like and how they were evacuated. In Maths, they have started their topic of place value by working with numbers up to 10,000,000. In RE, they have considered what the Trinity is and why it is important. In Science, they have researched and produced a fact file about Carl Linnaeus and the work he contributed to the world of science. In DT, they have learnt about rationing, the Dig for Victory campaign and what types of food would have been rationed and why. To finish the week off, they have done an outdoor learning morning with the Peak District Survival School, learning all about habitats, WW2 and how to make their own fire to cook popcorn. What a fantastic way to end the week!

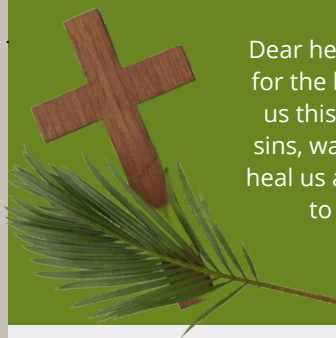


Y1 - at the Wildlife Park 13.9.24



Y2 - Creating a drama performance using the outside stage 12.9.24

## Please help us to pray...



Dear heavenly father, praise you for the blessings you have given us this day. Please forgive our sins, watch over and protect us, heal us and keep us safe, help us to grow closer to you.

Amen

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**Tuesday 8th  
October 2024**

Stapleford Care Centre  
(Church Street, Stapleford,  
Nottingham, NG9 8DB)  
1.30pm - 2.15pm

Please note these are  
group sessions.



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**Wednesday 9th  
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Both sessions are via  
Microsoft Teams

Session 1: 1.30pm - 2.15pm

Session 2: 5.30pm - 6.15pm

(Please attend only one session)

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