



# St John Henry Newman Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter

### Volume 2- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

### 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

Our children have continued their excellent start to term this week. Our Reception children have been in school full time and have settled into their new routine well. I know that both Mrs Lopez and Miss Bates have been so proud of all the children. Across Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 all classes have started their Music learning and it has been lovely to see and hear the children so engaged with this curriculum subject. We have also had several visitors looking around the school and everyone has commented on our children's manners and learning attitudes which was lovely to hear! Have a good weekend everyone.

**Loving God, help us to remember you are with us in love and forgiveness every day. Guide us to share your love with others through our actions. Amen**

Mr Cooper  
Headteacher

#### **Attendance**

Well done to Year 4 for having 100% attendance this week – excellent job! Our overall school attendance this week was a pleasing 96.9% Our school target this year is 97%, so let us keep working hard with our school attendance.

#### **Clubs**

Our Autumn Term Clubs offer starts next week (18-9-2023). As a result of the number of children taking part in clubs, we have adjusted our process at the end of the club. All families must enter the school via the usual school gate and then collect your child from the Year3/4 or Year 5/6 doors. A member of the senior leadership team will be available each night to support you with this. Finally, as we are now entering Autumn, all children must be collected from their club. No child will be allowed to walk or bike home by themselves.

#### **Harvest**

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023, we will be celebrating Harvest. Due to the increase in the number of children now attending St John Henry Newman, we will be having two Harvest Celebrations. The timings for these are as follows; 10.00am - Reception and Key Stage 1, 10.45am – Key Stage 2. More information on this event will be shared closer to the time.

#### **Reception Learning (Attenborough and Luther-King)**

What an amazing first full week of school we've had! Starting Reception full time is a big step for children; we are extremely proud of both classes. Many thanks to all parents that have worked with us to ensure that your child was well prepared. This week in Reception class, the children have been joining in with their first Phonics lessons, learning to read and write their first 3 sounds- 'm', 'a' and 's'. We have also started looking at our first Literacy story, Elmer! We have enjoyed re-enacting the story and getting stuck into lots of Elmer themed activities, particularly in our Creative Corner! They all enjoyed exploring their classroom environments, both indoors and outdoors. Look at some of the pictures of us learning in our Investigation and Construction Areas!

#### **Year 1 Learning (Armstrong)**

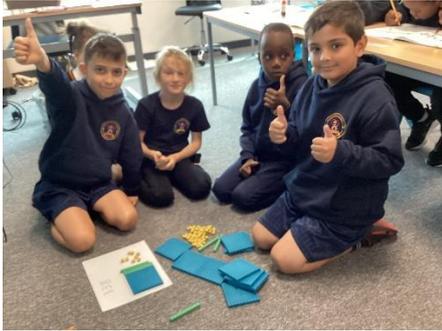
This week in Armstrong Class we have been reading the book Martha Maps It Out. We started by making predictions about what the story was about. We have been learning all about maps which has linked really well to our geography learning which has also been about maps. We have created and labelled our own maps of the classroom and written some sentences about what it looks like. In maths we have begun our unit based on Place Value and have looked at numbers within ten. We have counted, ordered, sorted and matched numerals to words. In science we have started learning about our bodies and we had a lot of fun drawing around one of our friends and then labelling all the body parts we could see.

#### **Year 1 and 2 Learning (Chanel)**

Chanel class have had a fantastic week and have thoroughly enjoyed engaging with all areas of their learning. In Maths, we started our Place Value unit. Year 1 had fun sorting a variety of concrete objects into groups and used ten frames to represent objects. They also had a go at writing numbers in words and tried exceptionally hard with this! Year 2 have used dienes to recognise how many tens and ones a number has and counted numbers to 100 by making 10. As always, all children have engaged with a range of reasoning and problem-solving questions to deepen their understanding. Across both year groups we have looked at the book 'Martha Maps it out' and created our own maps of the classroom. Year 1, with support, then went on to write labels for this, with a focus on letter formation. Year 2 completed their first independent piece of writing describing the classroom. Ensuring they punctuated their sentences correctly and included exciting adjectives.

### **Year 3 Learning (Yousafzai)**

This week year 3 have started creating their ideas for their own narrative based on the class story - Flat Stanley. This has included thinking of how they became flat and what things they can do now they are flat. We have continued our maths learning on place value and have been representing and partitioning numbers to 1,000. We used and drew base 10 to create different 3-digit numbers.



### **Year 4 Learning (Gandhi)**

This week Year 4 have started looking at their new class reading book, *The Firework-Maker's Daughter* by Phillip Pullman. The children have enjoyed learning about the geography and themes relating to Indonesia, where the story is set, helping them to gain a better understanding of the book's context.

### **Year 5 Learning (Frank)**

This week we continued our great start to Upper KS2. We have welcomed some new friends into our class and they have really added to our classroom ethics and environment! In English we further researched Anne Frank (our class patron) and wrote biographies of her short but meaningful life. Looking at gathering relevant information into paragraphs and linking information which a range of connectives. During history we found ourselves embroiled in the Battle of Britain and we watched videos of this terrifying but defining moment of British history. Through our research, we found out how close the UK were to being invaded and how the RAF were instrumental in fighting off the Luftwaffe.



### **Year 6 Learning (Pankhurst)**

This week has marked the start of our specialism lessons, such as music and PE. The Year 6 children were very keen to start practicing their recorders and Ms McEvoy was very impressed with how well they practiced the notes. In PE with Ms Kay, we have started our football skills and with Miss Wardill we looked at ball control in hockey.

We have continued studying *Hole* during English lessons and have retold the story as a first-person narrative using a range of different skills.



**Parent WhatsApp Groups - A message from our Parent Governors**

A few classes have set up parent/carer WhatsApp chat groups as an online space to seek support, ask questions, clarify, or give information. For those interested to join, the currently existing groups are:

Reception (Attenborough and Luther-King)-<https://chat.whatsapp.com/EsYGRLjf3ry3fdBPdC0O7U>

Year 1 Chanel -<https://chat.whatsapp.com/BqNcyl3mcjjG4zw9fZMI2O>

Year 3 Yousafzai-<https://chat.whatsapp.com/ExOh0mSMXbi8haZszKdd6t>

**Autumn Term 2023 Dates**

26-9-2023	4.30pm Welcome Ceremony – Reception Parents
29-9-2023	Schools Mass in Norwich
2-10-2023	Black History Month
5-10-2023	10.00am Harvest Celebration – Reception and KS1 (Key Stage 1) 10.45am Harvest Celebration – KS2 (Key Stage 2)
9-10-2023	Feast of St John Henry Newman
9-10-2023	No After School Clubs due to Parent Meetings Week
10-10-2023	Parent Meetings
11-10-2023	Parent Meetings

**Half Term (23-10-2023 – 27-10-2023)**

7-11-2023	9.30am School Photos
13-11-2023	Anti-Bullying Week
27-11-2023	Reverse Advent Calendar Starts
29-11-2023	4.30pm Advent Service
5-12-2023	6.00pm Peterborough Schools Carol Service
12-12-2023	2.00pm Nativity Reception
13-12-2023	2.00pm Nativity Reception
14-12-2023	2.00pm Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity
15-12-2023	2.00pm Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity
18-12-2023	Christmas Jumper Day
18-12-2023	Christmas Lunch
19-12-2023	1.30pm Last Day