

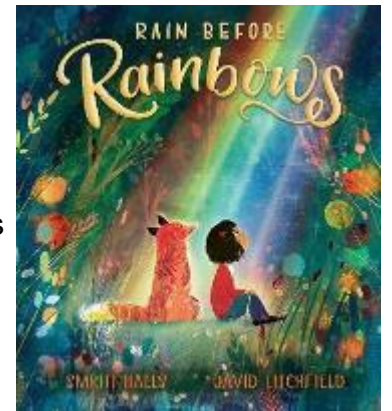


Head of Academy Update Spring Term 2

Dear Families,

As we come to the end of the Spring Term and get ready for the Easter break we have been reflecting on the last year that has seen so many changes and challenges but has also seen so many successes and reasons to be proud of our children and our ASM community.

In our Act of Worship this term we have been thinking about the value of Hope. Rainbows have become a symbol of hope over lockdown for many and we have been sharing a wonderful book 'Rain before Rainbows'. It recognises that sometimes we have storms to navigate and mountains to climb but through being together and supporting one another we can navigate these storms and come through them stronger. This has certainly been true for our children who have coped with the change and uncertainty showing our values of perseverance and courage and have come back to school eager to learn!



The light at the end of the tunnel with the easing of lockdown restrictions is giving us hope for a return to some normality in our lives. We very much hope our summer term will be filled with all the wonderful things we are used to and lots of opportunities for us to come together.

In the Summer Term we will continue with our high expectations of attendance as we recognise the importance of being in school everyday in order to support every children's progress with their learning. We recognise that buying school uniform has been difficult up to this point but with shops reopening on the 12th April can we please ensure your child has the correct uniform - especially footwear, please note only black enclosed footwear is permitted.

Thank you as always for your support with helping us to live out our vision of **'Building lifelong Foundations Together'**. This letter includes the feedback from our remote learning questionnaire and it has been a privilege to work in partnership with such dedicated families.

I hope you have a wonderful Easter break with your families and that the sun shines for all our outdoor socialising!

Mrs Edward

Head of Academy



Forde Class

What a wonderful half term we have had back at school! I have been blown away by how beautifully the children have settled back into school and it has been fantastic seeing them all play with their friends again!

For the last few weeks, we have had our scientist and historian hats on! As scientists, we have been investigating plant growth. We have had lots of hands-on experiences - from dissecting a plant to planting our own beans! The children have loved learning all about plants and will now be able to tell you about the structure of a plant and what they need to grow!

As historians, we have been learning all about the British monarchy. We have been looking at Kings and Queens from Henry VIII to Elizabeth II (none of the gory bits)! We have even investigated the line of succession for future Kings and Queens. The children were shocked to realise that Prince George will be our King one day but he is the same age as them now and goes to school! We have also had lots of discussions about what makes a good leader - we even compared the Queen to Mrs Edwards! It has been a wonderful half term full of fantastic learning opportunities! Have a wonderful Easter break!



A warm welcome to Amir who has joined our All Saints Marsh family



Bradley Class

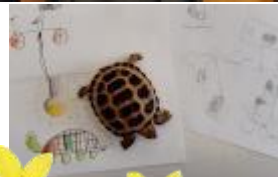
Bradley Botanists!

This term we have all become a specific type of Scientist, Botanists! This means that we have been studying plants and developing experiments to test what we know about them. We set up one experiment to investigate if we could change the colour of Daffodils! We love the usual yellow colour, but we thought that they might only stay that colour because the water that we water them with is clear. We set up three jugs. One just had blue food colouring in it, another had green food colouring and the final one just had water in it. This meant that it could be a fair test. Over the week we watched the daffodils bloom and expected them to take up some of the colour... however, our predictions did not work and they remained a very pale yellow! We will try again with a different species of daffodil.



Innovating the Future!

Bradley have proven that they are extremely forward thinking and conscious of our environment. They were tasked with designing a brand new way of powering Patches' light in her hutch. At the moment we are using electricity, but want a greener way to create power. Bradley had lots of fantastic ideas including Solar power, wind power and the most popular choice with the children was pedal power. However, this was Miss Burton's favourite idea as the suggestion was that she could teach the class whilst pedalling to power the bulb!



Courtenay Class

I cannot believe we are already at the end of spring term! I am incredibly proud of how well Courtenay class have settled back into class and how much learning we have done.

We have really enjoyed learning all about natural disasters and being able to choose which natural disaster to research further. It was lovely to see everyone sharing exciting facts and really engaging with this learning.

In PE, we have become gymnasts! We began by learning the different gymnast shapes and the different rolls before putting them into a routine. We finished off the half term by taking part in the spring festival run by Spires College. We had to complete 6 different activities for 30 seconds each. We are looking forward to finding out the results!

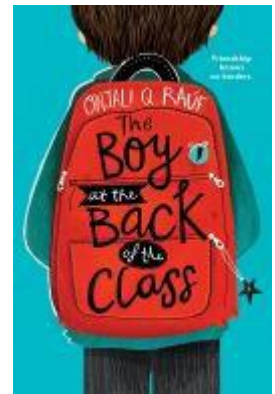


Templar Class

What a brilliant term it has turned out to be! Mrs Elliott and I have absolutely loved having all the children back in Templar class again!

The class has been filled with class discussions, colourful art work and explorations in various subjects. We have enjoyed reading our interesting classbook, which has opened our eyes to the lives of refugees through the eyes of the main character in the book.

Throughout the term, we explored famous artists and writers, including William Shakespeare and Pablo Picasso. By looking at the works of these inspiring people, we have realised just how many books and works are influenced by them today even after their existence.



PE and Sport



Since we have returned to school after the lockdown we have been doing Gymnastics in PE. We have discussed what gymnastics looks like, how we can move like a gymnast, as well as the importance of keeping ourselves and others safe. We have worked on various gymnastic skills including shapes, rolls, travelling and routines. Each class has been challenged to complete these skills in different ways but they have all participated in the lessons really well and taken on the challenges with great enthusiasm. We will be continuing to develop our gymnastic skills after Easter too, so I look forward to seeing the children continue to develop as gymnasts.

Mrs Stanley

Teacher of Physical Education & Primary Sport Partnership
The Spires College



Act of Worship

Since the beginning of the pandemic and over lockdown, the rainbow has been a symbol of hope and perseverance. It has also symbolised gratitude and the good things that we can all focus on in order to remain hopeful. As a school, we explored the rainbow and its symbolism in the bible.



"Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth." Genesis 9:16

In each and every day, we continue to find something good and this is encouraging us to remain hopeful, especially in the face of adversity.

Wellbeing

As a school, we do believe that taking care of others is as important as taking care of ourselves. We try to be kind to ourselves by doing things we enjoy, such as resting, doing small acts of kindness for others and not giving up when we make mistakes. We also participated in happiness day, where we created some inspirational quotes to remind us to stay positive in every situation.

It's not always easy but it will be worth it!

It always seems impossible until it's done!

If you want change, make a change!



Remote Learning Questionnaire

Thank you for your responses to the remote learning questionnaire.

- 90% of you considered that your child was coping well with the current situation.



“It is a tricky balance but I have loved being involved in my children’s subjects and am so proud of their efforts”

- 55 % of you completed between 1 and 4 hours per day of remote learning.

“I love being part of their learning and whilst a juggle on top of a toddler and working from home we are finding a routine.”

- 70% of children coped well or very well at home with the home learning.

“They do miss their friends but I think the fact that you hold virtual meet ups is a great idea.”

- 95% of you considered the communication from the school being clear or very clear.

“Excellent communication and remote learning, good variety of activities. If ever we need help and support we get a very quick helpful response”.

- 85% of you considered it was easy or very easy to discuss your child’s learning progress with the school.

“Thank you for being available to discuss my child’s learning when needed”.

- 95% of you felt somewhat or very much part of the school community during lockdown .

“The assemblies are lovely to keep us feeling a community as are the class check ins. Coffee mornings are a great idea. The communication has been just lovely - supportive and understanding of home life and the emphasis on the children being safe and happy is exactly right.”

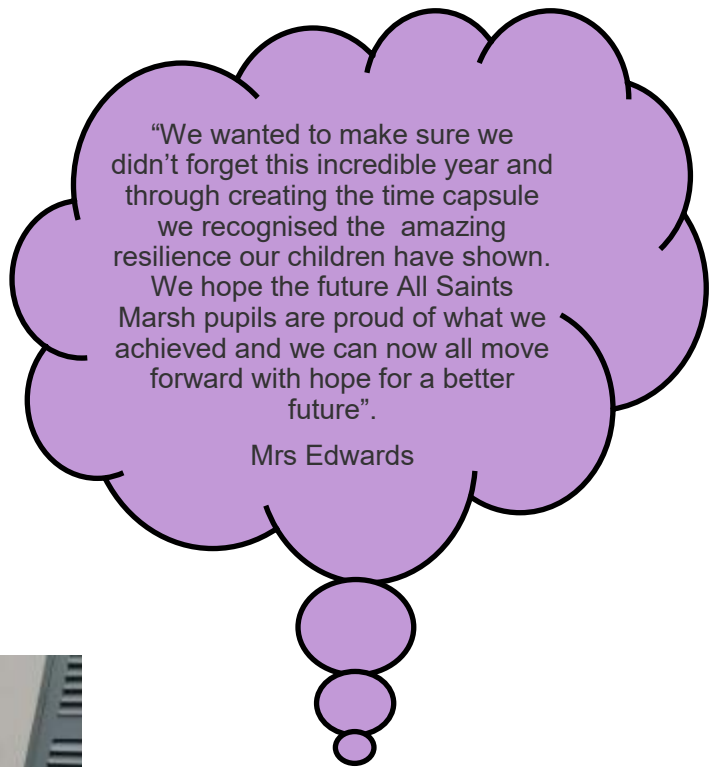


ALL SAINTS MARSH COVID TIME CAPSULE

A big **THANK YOU** to Mrs Chapling, who came up with a brilliant idea—to create COVID time capsule. The children captured the memories and lessons that they learnt have learnt during these strange times and created items for the children of the future of the school to look at and learn from.

The children wrote lockdown letters and postcards about their experiences during the pandemic, as well as 'freezing memories' by creating things that represent the lockdown. Some moments, such as 'sanitising' were captured in origami form: sanitisers were created out of paper to reflect the pandemic and the importance of clean hands.

The time capsule will be buried / hidden in the grounds of the school and pupils of the future will be asked to open it in 10 years time!



"We wanted to make sure we didn't forget this incredible year and through creating the time capsule we recognised the amazing resilience our children have shown. We hope the future All Saints Marsh pupils are proud of what we achieved and we can now all move forward with hope for a better future".

Mrs Edwards





WORLD BOOK DAY



Thank you to all those who entered into our World Book Day competition. The standards were all very high and it was very difficult to choose the winners!

EASTER EGGS

A HUGE thank you to our local Asda store, Re4orm and Mrs Murphy for organising a very special delivery into school—yummy Easter eggs one for each child!



RE4orm
TORBAY

COMIC RELIEF

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated, we raised over £100 for Comic Relief, which is absolutely fantastic. The children looked fantastic dressed up as their very own superhero's and we had lots of giggles with our funny jokes!



IN THE COMMUNITY

The children have all been very busy creating wonderful art work for our local community to enjoy. We have provided Easter art work for both the Avenue and St Pauls Church.

*“Thank you for the artwork from year 5 and 6 that we received this morning. It’s fabulous. Your students are very talented”
Newton Abbot Library*

“The church building looks fab. Well done all and thanks again. There have been many wonderful comments so far”.

The Avenue Church



We have provided some amazing copies of Picasso, Van Gogh and Kandinsky for our local doctors surgeries, libraries and local supermarkets.

“Please thank all your students who did this amazing art work, so lovely to see the All Saints Marsh clearly have very talented students”.

We have also been working with the Newton Abbot Town Development Manager to provide a Welcome Back poster for when the shops re-open on 12th April.

Thank you to all of our inspiring artists.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

The Trustees, staff and parents at All Saints Marsh Church of England Academy place great emphasis on high standards. Our drive to realising these standards encompasses all aspects of Academy life; teaching & learning; relationships; behaviour and dress code, etc. Wearing of the correct Academy uniform is essential. The support of parents is very important in this. It is very important that all clothing is clearly labelled. You are able to purchase uniform from our online suppliers Price and Buckland at <https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/allsaintsmarsh>

Please note that blue sweatshirts must be official Academy uniform, showing the badge. Alternative blue woollen cardigans and other types of blue pullovers are not acceptable Academy uniform.



SCHOOL DINNERS

The new summer menu is available to view on the Academy website <https://allsaintsmarsh-lap.co.uk/>

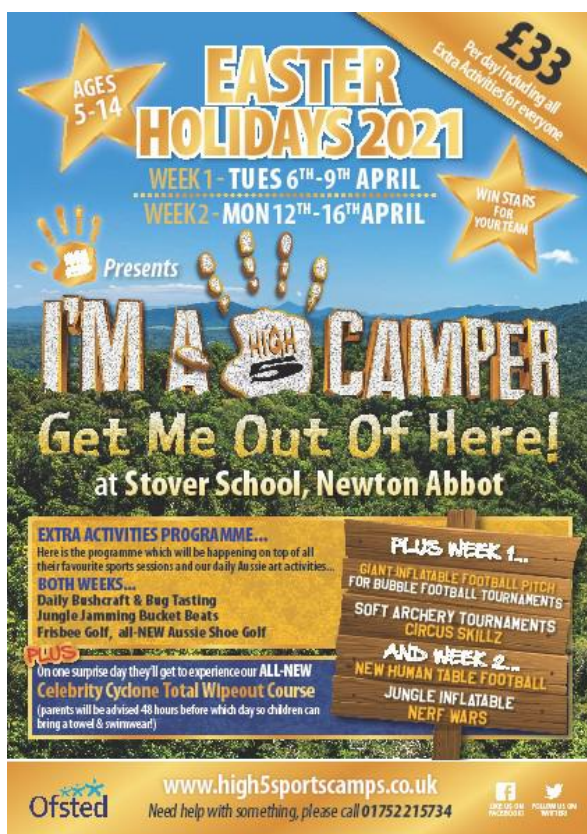
Please ensure that you pre-book and pay for your child's dinners via Edu Spot www.eduspot.co.uk. If you need your passwords reset, please ask Mrs Webber.



There is such a thing as a free lunch!

Claiming your free school meals entitlement can save around £400 per child per year!
Visit devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-meals
or call 0345 1551019 to see if you qualify

Don't forget Free School Meals are still free for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 regardless of circumstances



AGES 5-14

EASTER HOLIDAYS 2021

Per day including all Extra Activities for everyone **£33**

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WEEK 2 - MON 12TH - 16TH APRIL

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EXTRA ACTIVITIES PROGRAMME...
Here is the programme which will be happening on top of all their favourite sports sessions and our daily Aussie art activities.


BOTH WEEKS...
Daily Bushcraft & Bug Tasting
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On one surprise day they'll get to experience our **ALL-NEW Celebrity Cyclone Total Wipeout Course**
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GIANT INFLATABLE FOOTBALL PITCH FOR BUBBLE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENTS
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Let's Get Chatting!

Do you have a child aged 0-5 years?
Or
Are you expecting a baby?

If you answered 'yes' to one of the above and you also live in Devon, we would love you to answer 4 questions about how children learn to communicate and talk. You can find the questions at <http://bit.ly/2ZP3wme> or use the QR code.



Your answers to these questions will form part of an ongoing project within Devon. The aim is to support parents in their knowledge and confidence to nurture their child's communication in the first five years of life.

For more information contact Verity Hyde verity.hyde@torbay.gov.uk



St Michael's Church of England Academy

A NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR PAIGNTON

Opening in September 2021



St Michael's C of E Academy is a fully inclusive school for children aged 2 - 11 years old, where children can thrive, grow and learn.

If your child was born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017, you will be able to apply for a reception place for September 2021 in November 2020 when the admission process opens.

Prior to this you can submit an Expression of Interest for nursery and reception places via our website <https://stmichaels-lap.co.uk/admissions> or contact our Admissions Officer admissions@lapsw.org



St Michael's is proud to be a member of the Learning Academy Partnership

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Term Dates 2021

Spring Term 2021

- Start: 4 January 2021
- Half Term: 15 -19 February 2021
- End: 01 April 2021

Summer Term 2021

- Start 19 April 2021
- Bank Holiday: 3 May 2021
- Half term: 31 May – 4 June 2021
- Non pupil days 7 June – 11 June 2021
- Ends 23 July 2021

Autumn Term

- Start: 6 September 2021
- Half Term: 25 October – 29 October 2021
- End: 17 December 2021

The Head of Academy may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are **exceptional circumstances**.

All requests for a child to be absent from school during term time must be made in writing at least a half term in advance of the proposed absence by completing the absence request form obtainable from the Academy office.

Please call into the Academy Office if you would like to discuss your child's attendance or any aspect of absences.

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