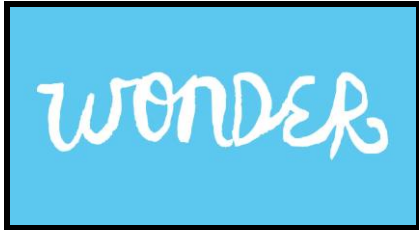




St Mary Magdalene CofE Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 28th February 2020



Our core value for this half term is **WONDER**. We will be thinking about what amazes us in God's wonderful world, in class and in collective worship.

Miss Seale and Year 4 have created two podcasts demonstrating what our children wonder about. You can hear their thoughts on our Instagram page: [@smmsprimary](https://www.instagram.com/smmsprimary).

At home, ask your children what they wonder about and tell them what amazes you.

SENCO Top Tips

As the assessment period in schools is approaching here are some tips on how to best support your child through this time:

SATs Tip 1: When revising, help your child understand their mistakes and focus on the gaps in their knowledge

SATs Tip 2: Put most of your efforts into boosting your child's confidence and reducing their stress

SATs Tip 3: Do revision online to keep things fresh and exciting – ask your child's teacher for ideas

SATs Tip 4: Relax chores around the house and put a focus on well-being; listen to how they are feeling

SATs Tip 5: Put the tests into perspective for them: you will be proud of them no matter what the results!



Please make an appointment with Ms. Kershaw if you have any concerns about your child

Year 1 visit to London Zoo

Year 1 were lucky enough to visit London Zoo this week as part of their "In the Wild" topic.

They saw tigers, gorillas, lions, kangaroos and many more creatures up close.



Shrove Tuesday

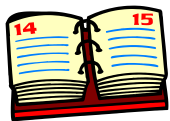
In their class collective worship, Year 3 taught us about why we have pancakes on Shrove Tuesday and what happens around the world on this day. Reception children made yummy pancakes as part of their learning.



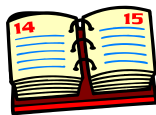
World Book Day

Next Thursday is World Book Day and we are inviting children to dress up as their favourite book character. We will have a parade and prizes will be given to the best costumes. Please make sure children bring in their book (related to their costume) and pay £1 which will go towards buying more great books for schools.





Dates for your DIARY!!!!



Parents' Evening Wed 4th March

World Book Day Thurs 5th March – Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character! £1 donation

Reception Parent Workshop - Understanding the World Fri 6th March

Book Fair in school 19th – 26th March

Easter Service Thurs 26th March at 10.30am at St Mary Magdalene Church – parents welcome.
NEW DATE

Year 4/5/6 trip to see Hamlet – Fri 3rd April

Year 4 trip to St Paul's Cathedral – Fri 3rd April

End of Term – Fri 3rd April

PLEASE **DO NOT** BOOK HOLIDAYS DURING SCHOOL TERMS – we are not able to authorise this absence.

Bible verse of the week

For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

Romans 8

Communication



We have had a great first week back. We have welcomed Ricardo, Maria and Jerrell from **Ultimate Sports** into our SMMS family. They have been very well received by children, parents and staff. They are now leading PE lessons and lunchtimes on Mondays and Tuesdays as well as before and after school clubs every day. We are so lucky to have them. Please sign up to breakfast club – if it is not used, we will lose it. Have a great weekend.

Anna Harding

Acting Headteacher

Parent View

Thank you to parents who attended parents' evening this week. We really value the opportunity to work in partnership with you to support your children in the best way possible. Don't forget we have another parents' evening next Wednesday so please make an appointment with your child's class teacher if you haven't already done so.

We are collecting parents views about our school in an online questionnaire – your views are important to us and help to shape our school. If you haven't already, please can you complete the survey by clicking on <https://mobile.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login>. You will have to register using your email address.



Menu for next week

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Attendance & Punctuality this week

	A	P
Pink Class	100%	99.35%
Orange Class	93.15%	97.26%
Blue Class	100%	98.07%
Turquoise Class	91.89%	97.17%
Purple Class	96.48%	96.98%
Green Class	98.47%	97.32%
Violet Class	96.95%	99.24%

Well done **Pink Class** and **Blue Class** for the best attendance this week.



Star Pupils



Our stars this week are:



Well done to them and keep it up!

We have decided to share a photograph of our star pupils from now on
Star pupils receive recognition for exceptional work or behaviour or for demonstrating one of our core school values.