



St Mary's Primary School

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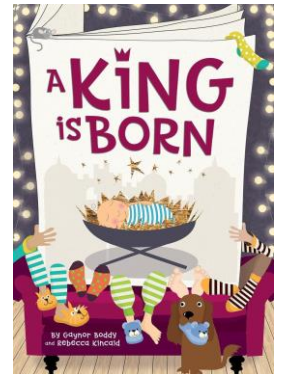
20th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Pippin Class took part in a "Farmer Time" video call with a local farmer from Arla this week linking with their Science learning this term. In their science lessons they have been learning about animals and where their food comes from. The children enjoyed seeing some cows and they came up with some great questions to ask, our special thanks to Mrs Gregory for hosting us and we hope to speak to you again soon.

Pippin Class have also started writing up their own 'Defeat the Baddy' story this week with a focus on character description.

We have been busy learning our songs for the nativity over the last week and will be learning some more soon. Our nativity this year is "A King Is Born" and we hope to live-stream the performance for families. If you are happy for your child to be included within this performance, please complete and return a consent form, which will be emailed to you next week.



Orchard Class have also been very busy learning the structure of 'portal stories' and then innovating and beginning to write their own. In Science, we have been conducting lots of experiments, investigating the effects of friction and gravity upon objects. Children have successfully drawn graphs and tables to present their results. In RE we have been learning about the Buddhist celebration of Vesak and in PE, developing their hockey skills.

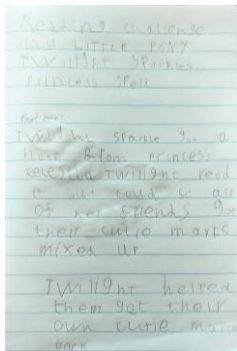
Breakfast and After School Club

This week we have watched a film, helped make an Autumn Leaf display in Arts and Crafts, played sports and built a new bug hotel! We do have some spaces available if anyone would like to book sessions for their child.



PFA prize winners

Thank you to everyone for all the wonderful entries. As a team with children in the school we managed to find independent local judges who picked our winners as below. Each child will receive an £15 Amazon voucher to spend on books or arts and crafts.

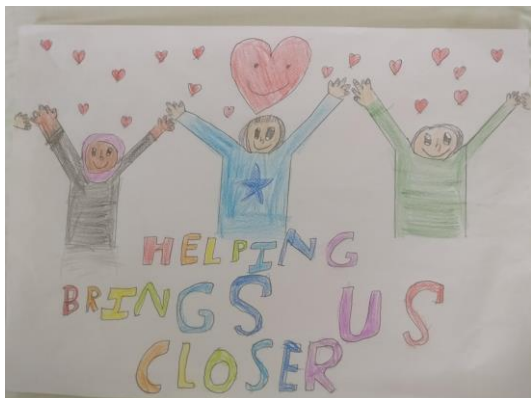
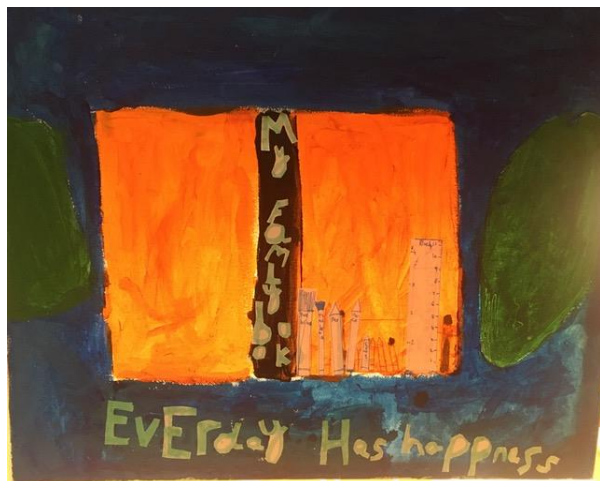


Pippin - Winner - Norah Clarke

Orchard Yrs 3/4 - winner - Evie Gregory

Comments from the Judge - Emily Hobson-Martin:

I'd like to choose 'every day has happiness' entry because I love how the colours are dark in the background but the writing is lovely and bright. I also think it's very true that you can find some happiness in every day if you try, even if you're having a bad day.



Orchard Yrs 5/6 - winner - Elsie Clarke

Comments from the Judge - Alistair Appleton:

Thanks so much for thinking of me to be a judge. They're all beautiful.

It was hard to pick a winner - I loved the poem, for example, - but I think my choice for the winner would be the second, "Helping"

We hope the children enjoyed creating their masterpieces and are working with the school to fund some Christmas Fun in a slightly different way, which we will share with you shortly in a PFA newsletter. Thank you as always with your help and support! – Donna Drew, PFA Treasurer.

Safeguarding Team

We have recently updated our safeguarding team here at school. Miss Smith is our Designated Safeguarding Officer and Mrs Aspinall has recently undergone training to become our Deputy DSO. Mrs Barnes, Chair of Governors, is our Safeguarding Governor. Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility, but the safeguarding team take a lead in this area. Please be reminded that our Safeguarding Team are always here should you wish to speak to anyone.

Collecting children from clubs

Please ensure that when collecting children from clubs after school, that parents and carers wait by their cars or by the front gate in a socially distanced manner – parents should not approach the school building.

School Choir

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Orr-Ewing and Miss Coliandris will shortly be re-starting our school choir during lunchtime on Fridays. If your budding singer is keen to take part, please let the office know by email so that we can manage numbers appropriately. We look forward to hearing some singing taking place soon!

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,
Miss Smith