



St Mary's Newsletter

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School Rules:

Be ready, Be respectful, Be safe

Tweet of the Week

"Lent is the "favourable time" to return to what is essential, to divest ourselves of all that weighs us down, to be reconciled with God, and to rekindle the fire of the Holy Spirit hidden beneath the ashes of our frail humanity."

Pope Francis (@Pontifex)



Week Commencing 6th March 2023:

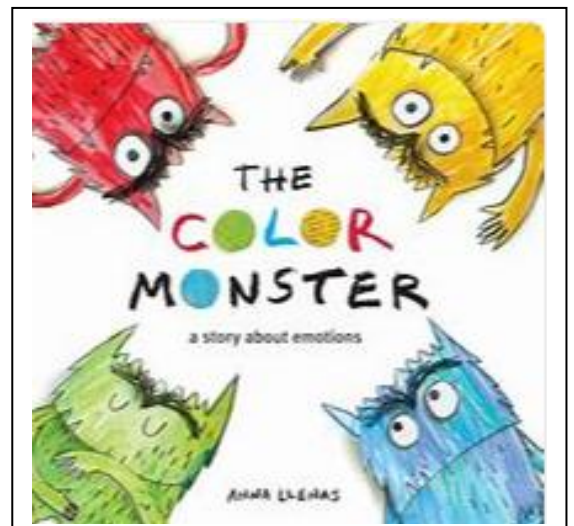
Mon 6th: Yr 4 Swimming – leaving school at 9am

Thu 9th: Yr3 Parish Mass at 9.15am in Church



SPOTLIGHT ON World Book Day

This year, as a school, we will be focusing on the book: "The Colour Monster". This book links in really nicely with the "Zones of Regulation" – which is something we are beginning to use in our school to help children regulate their emotions. We will be doing lots of activities on the day, linked with this book, as well as having a chance to just explore and celebrate the love of reading!



Reception:

We love the story of The Colour Monster, in Reception, and were very excited that this was our whole school story for WBD. We worked collaboratively to create the confused monster. The children were able to name all the emotions and we talked about how we can handle our emotions whilst we created the monster. I'm sure you'll agree it looks fabulous!



Year 1:

In Year 1, we enjoyed listening to the story of The Colour Monster and exploring the colour yellow and the happiness this colour brings. We designed our own birds using a range of different mediums. We hope that you love how fabulous they look.



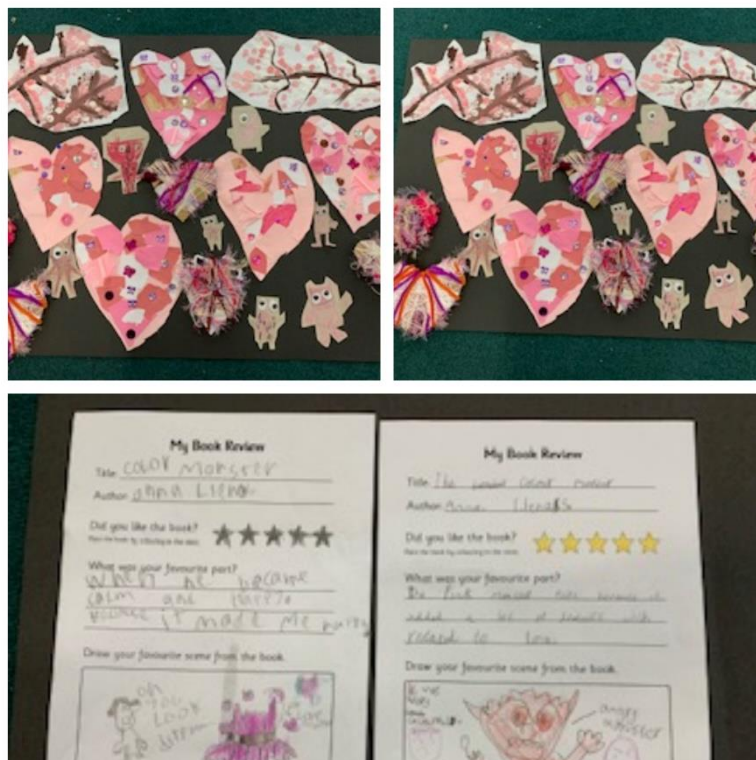
Year 2:

Year 2 created some teardrop and cloud shapes with watercolours and collage in the colour blue, to represent the blue monster from our school story. We also made some stories to go along with some of the different coloured monsters.



Year 3:

Year 3 were given the colour Pink from the book 'The Colour Monster' to think about how that colour made them feel. Words the children used to describe their pink feelings were: caring, loving, supportive, friendly and helpful. We painted, collaged, drew and wrapped pink hearts/monsters and blossom branches to represent these feelings. We also wrote book reviews of 'The Colour Monster' and chose our favourite parts as well as making our own book marks.




Year 4:


Year 4 enjoyed reading *The Colour Monster* and exploring the colour green and the calmness and tranquility surrounding the colour. We designed our own colour monsters and only used leaf, clover and grass patterns to show their features. Later in the afternoon, the whole class created a 3D calmness curtain using different materials and weaved our mini monsters within. How amazing to be surrounded by such calmness.




2nd March 2023
Year 4 celebrate **WORLD BOOK DAY!**



Here in Year 4 we are exploring the green monster in *The Colour Monster* by Anna Llenas



Enter the green zone with us - a place of calm and relaxation



PIC-COLLAGES



Years 5:

Year 5 enjoyed reading *The Colour Monster* today and made links to this and our Zones of Regulation in school. Year 5's theme for a whole school display was red for anger. Here they are dressed up in colours of their choice.



Year6:

Year 6's theme was black for fear. We also created our own board games based on books we know and there was even a merging of stories! We loved dressing up in our chosen colours.



FREE SCHOOL MEALS:

Your child will get free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit but **no element of Working Tax Credit** and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenues & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- If you are supported under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Working Tax Credit during the four-week period immediately after your employment finishes or after you start to work fewer hours per week
- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400 (£616.67 per month), as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).



To check if your child is eligible, apply online:

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-meals-uniforms-and-trips/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

PARENTS EVENINGS:

Thank you for your feedback on parents evening. Following the positive response, we will be continuing with remote parents' evenings using school cloud. Please remember that you can book a face-to-face appointment with your child's class teacher at any time throughout the school year. Our next parent's consultation evenings will be held on the 21st and 23rd March.

The school cloud booking system will open for bookings at 9am on 1st March 2023.

THINK BEFORE YOU PARK:



**Think
before you
park**

**Your guide to safer parking
outside schools**

**POOR AND INCONSIDERATE PARKING CLOSE TO
SCHOOLS CAN PLACE CHILDREN AT RISK**

Most accidents involving children outside schools occur when a child has their sight obscured by parked cars.

Parking restrictions and marked areas on the roads are there for a reason – to keep children safe. The safest option when dropping or picking your children up is to park away from the school and take a short walk to the gates.

If you must park near to school and space is limited, please follow the rules:

- **Do NOT park on zig-zag lines or KEEP CLEAR markings**
- **Do NOT park on yellow line restrictions**
- **Do NOT park across dropped kerbs or drives**
- **Do NOT park on footpaths**
- **Do NOT stop to drop kids off in the centre of the road**

Failure to follow these rules may result in a Penalty Charge Notice being issued.

Please park safely and be considerate of children and residents by not causing an obstruction

#thinkb4upark



**IPSWICH
BOROUGH COUNCIL**



FREE SPACES THIS EASTER Holiday Activity Fund

School's out Activities

FOR AGES
4 - 16
(SCHOOL GOING)



Designed by Primary School Teachers to aid in the development of children in Early Years.

- Singing
- Drawing
- Creating
- Building
- Dancing
- Painting
- Baking
- and more!



Must be school-going 4 year old Lx. 5 by the 31st Aug 2022



For GIRLS and BOYS to indulge in their creative side, be active, yet have time to chill.

- Arts & Crafts
- Cooking
- Textiles
- Fashion
- Performing
- Singing
- Dancing
- and more!



An action-packed week jammed full of 30+ team sports and adventurous activities!

- Nerf Wars
- Roller Racers
- Dodgeball
- KinBall
- Football
- RC Cars
- Mario Kart
- and more!



Developing leaders of the future with our '5 Levels to Leadership' programme.

- Working Journal
- Build Confidence
- Work Experience
- Gain Rewards



Choose to assist in any of our courses!

Free School Meals

Calling all parents currently in receipt of 'Benefit Related Free School Meals'... through the HAF programme we are able to offer up to **4 days this Easter**... This is worth over **£170!**

A free lunch is provided, with choices of sandwiches, snacks, and drinks.

Dates

CHOOSE ANY 4 DAYS FROM...

**Monday 3rd – Thursday 6th and
Tuesday 11th – Friday 14th April
2023**

Times

Drop Off 9am-9:30am **Lunchtime** 12:30pm-1:30pm **Pick Up** 4:30pm-5pm

Early Bird
8am-9am

Extended Fun
5pm-6pm

Early Bird & Extended Fun each charged at £5 per session



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**SOUTH LEE
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Ofsted Number: EY2593837



**WOODBRIDGE
SCHOOL**
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Ofsted Number: EY556142



**IPSWICH HIGH
SCHOOL**
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IP9 1AZ
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Learn More

www.schoolsoutactivities.co.uk

Questions? Phone us on: 01473 942990

TERM DATES:

Term dates for 2022 – 2023

Spring Term 2023

Wednesday 4th January – Friday 31st March

Half term: 13th – 17th February

Staff Training day: 3rd January

Summer Term 2023

Tuesday 18th April – Thursday 20th July

Bank holiday: 1st May & 8th May

Half term: 29th May – 2nd June

Staff Training days: 17th April, 21st July

Term dates for 2023 – 2024

Autumn Term 2023

Tuesday 5th September – Thursday 21st December

Half term: 23rd – 27th October

Staff training days: 4th September & 30th October

Spring Term 2024

Thursday 4th January – Thursday 28th March

Half term: 19th – 23rd February

Staff Training day: 3rd January & 26th February

Summer Term 2024

Monday 15th April – Friday 19th July

Bank holiday: 6th May

Half term: 27th May – 31st May

Staff Training days: 12th April