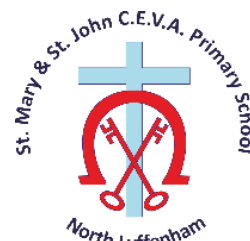


# SMSJ News

## 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022 – Issue 5



Hello everyone,

As I write, this morning Year 6 (and afterwards Year 3) are experiencing a fabulous Stone Age – Iron Age morning of crafting with Mrs Conlon, Mrs Askham and Mrs Wilkins, all of whom have very kindly and generously given of their time and expertise to enable our children to have this wonderful enrichment opportunity. I am certain that Year 1 are looking forward to their forest school session this afternoon too. I hope the rain holds off long enough!



*From L-R. Grinding to make a compound for cave painting; constructing a model house by weaving the frame and adding mud for the walls; looking at a flint and antler before making arrow heads by melting pewter and using a mould; making fire using a steel and flint with bull rush tinder.*

### **PFA**

Last night the PFA held their AGM in school. Thank you to all who attended in person or joined online. The PFA (that's all of you – you are automatically members!) and the core group who lead the PFA have done a magnificent job continuing to provide support not only throughout the COVID pandemic but this last 'more normal' year especially, raising a whopping £13,667.88! Thank you from all the children and staff for enabling the school to enrich our children's education here at SMSJ. Additionally, thank you for bringing parents and families together through the communication network of 'class reps' and the events you organise. As a rural school, this is an important role that the school plays in our wider community.

There are lots of enjoyable events planned and in the pipeline for this year, so please do support these if you can. See the advert below.

### **Breakfast and Sandwich Club**

Can I please ask you, parents/carers, to ensure you contact Miss Moody to book into Breakfast and Sandwich Club. We appreciate that very occasionally there might be an emergency when you require your child/ren to attend, but we seem to have a number of children just being dropped off unexpectedly at Breakfast Club in the mornings. From our perspective, we have to think about supervision ratios and catering, so please book ahead.

### **School Lunches**

KS2 parents/carers, if you have booked a school lunch for your child and they then bring a packed lunch instead, please make sure you cancel the school lunch before 8am, otherwise you will be charged for it. We are noticing a rise in this. This obviously also contributes to additional, unnecessary food wastage when it happens.

### **School Cleaning Staff**

We require additional cleaning staff, initially on Mondays and Fridays. If you are interested, please contact Mrs Wheatley in the school office. We can offer free childcare on these days for up to two children, if required. Please share with anyone you think might be interested.

### **COVID**

COVID cases are on the rise again as the weather gets colder. If your child is showing symptoms, please keep them at home. If they test positive, please keep them at home for 3 days.

### **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

We are holding our Harvest Festival in church on Monday morning at 9am. You are very welcome to join us. If your family would like to make an offering, then we are requesting something suitable for the Rutland Food Bank (see my Dojo post).

## OPEN DAY

Also, on Monday we are holding our Open Day between 10.00 and 2.30pm. Please tell anyone who has pre-school age children. The House Captains and I look forward to welcoming visitors.

## World Mental Health Day

Monday is going to be a busy day as it's also World Mental Health Day. If your child would like to wear something yellow with their school uniform to mark this, they are welcome to do so.

Wishing you a lovely autumnal weekend.

## Head Teachers Awards

### CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU ON GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS



This week the Head Teacher award in **Reception** goes to **Ivy Parks** for her excellent effort in all areas. Ivy always listens carefully during learning time and is keen to show us what she has found out. She has worked hard on her letter formation this week and is brilliant with the actions for story 'Rosie's walk.' Ivy is also incredibly kind and always helps in class including giving out milk during snack time. A super start to Reception and school Ivy!

In **Year 1** the Head Teacher award goes to **Rory Peacock**. Right from day one, Rory has been a fantastic all-round role model, showing excellent behaviour, super independent learning and 100% effort in everything he does! He is earning this award this week for his super effort with his writing. He has learned all the new pre - cursive letter formations and uses them daily in every piece of work. And, it looks super!

**Liam Holmes** receives the Head Teacher award in **Year 2** this week, for his fantastic work in phonics. Liam has demonstrated a consistent responsibility towards a positive learning attitude and has really impressed Mrs Sewell with his progress and contributions towards learning challenges. Well done Liam.

This week in **Year 3** the Head Teacher award goes to **Penny Pengilley Gibb**. Penny has written a lovely setting description this week. She listened very carefully to Mrs Thorntons instructions for this and included some of the techniques that she has learned, including adjectives and similes. She has also taken great pride in her work by writing it in her neatest handwriting. Well done Penny!

In **Year 4** the Head Teacher award this week goes to **Fraser Tervet**. Fraser has shown his dedication to learning this week especially in English, producing some wonderful pieces of descriptive writing. Fraser is always ready to share thoughts and ideas in class. Well done Fraser!

In **Year 5** the Head Teacher award goes to **Archie Wallage** for the great effort he has made in his reading this term and particularly this week. Mrs Stanfield has been so impressed with his attitude and dedication to reflecting on the book he is reading and by the mature comments he has made on Boom Reader. Keep up this great work, Archie. Well done

This week in **Year 6** the Head Teacher award goes to **James Johnson** and **Darcey Daw** for their fantastic efforts and help in organising a brilliant 'Bike to School' week! They have both shown great leadership, encouragement and organisation when registering children in the morning, and have also officiated some brilliant obstacle course races across the school! Thanks James and Darcey for an awesome and fun week!





A very Happy Birthday to all those celebrating birthdays over the coming week.

Isla Conlon  
Bridie Rhodes  
Betts Graham

After School Clubs  
10<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> October

Monday – Clay Creators  
Yr 3/4 Football

Wednesday – Year 5/6 football

Thursday – KS2 Cross country

Winners of the House  
Cup this week:



**Chater**

**Well Done!**

# CHARITY QUIZ & CURRY EVENING

Thursday October 20th at Rutland Showground LE15 7TW

6-30pm for 7-00pm start

Teams of 6 @ £25.00 per person

'Rutland And Stamford Sound is supplying a special guest quizmaster for the night'

Contact: [enquiries@warningzone.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@warningzone.org.uk)  
or call 0116 2629739

All proceeds go towards supporting children in the Rutland area at  
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# PFA NEWS 7 Oct 22

Thank you to everyone who came to the AGM, and voted the committee back in - Co-Chairs Ellie Askham and Sally Renner, Treasurer Barbara Connolly and Secretary Lucy Pengilly Gibb. We are now busy putting plans into action for this year, with lots of fun things to look forward to.

## Next week - Friday 14th October

3.20pm - outside the school office



### Second hand UNIFORM



### AND...



### CAKE SALE!

\*\*\* calling all bakers\*\*\*

Please bring donations to the office in labelled containers. Thank you so much!



We would love some parent helpers for the disco and book fair!

Christmas cards & calendar fundraisers

## DISCO!

Fri 4th November  
Times TBC

BOOK FAIR  
3,4 & 7,8  
November

## New Parents coffee morning!

Coming soon once a month on a Friday  
In the school hall



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